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Too many fishers on the sea

By John Lichfield and Donald Macintyre



All at sea: The number of British fishing boats has

Sharp cuts in the British fishing fleet proposed by Brussels are the prod-uct of 13 years of double-talk by British ministers, promising cuts in ca-pacity which never materialised.

Despite the bluster of the Government yesterday, the fact is the UK fishing fleet has steadily grown for most of the 13 years of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) - despite pledges of cuts and conservation

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hoppers" - most of which have existed for many years. It has much to do with Government policy, which has restricted British fishermen from claiming generous subsidies from Brussels

for paying off old vessels. The impression in this country is that our fishing fleet has been decimated by unfair competition from foreign vessels and by the collapse of fishing stocks. In reality, despite a de-

1983. Judged on boat numbers alone, the fleet of larger, sea-going British boats (more than 10 metres) has increased by a third. Smaller, inshore boats has increased by two thirds.

Over the last nine years. Britain has done less than any other country, except the Netherlands, to meet unanimously agreed European targets for reducing boat numbers. In the period 1987-91, the Government agreed

its tonnage and horsepower grew by

The Government yesterday roundly dismissed the European Commision's call for cuts of up to 40 per cent in the UK fleet over the next seven years. Tony Baldry, the fisheries min-ister, secured all-party support when he issued a blunt counter-demand for the outlawing of "quota hoppers" foreign-owned British boats taking

catching capacity and preserve what remains of hard-pressed fish stocks. The Commission accepts "quotahopping" is a serious problem for the Government. Brussels also acknowledges that it makes a nonsense of the principle of national fishing quotas.

Foreign-owned boats, mostly Spanish and Dutch, take over 40 per cent of British quotas for hake and plaice. Brussels sources say Fisheries

ropean law. The Government has failed to respond formally so far.

One reason for the failure to pay off older British boats was the re-

luctance of the Government to participate in an EU de-commissioning scheme. Seventy per cent of the cash would have come from Brussels. The Treasury opposed full-scale participation on the grounds that payments to UK fishermen would have reduced

of loose British licencing regulation to "trade up" to larger boats.
In the last five years, a limited use of the EU cash has been allowed and some net reductions have been made

in the British fleet but nowhere near the targets agreed. The Netherlands is an even bigger offender. By con-trast, Spain, the usual fish whipping boy, has cut its fleet by five per cent more than the EU required. Hence

Industrial trawling empties the oceans

JOJO MOYES

The big truth behind this week's war of words over European fisheries policy is that the oceans are being emptied of life by industrial fishing. Over the past few decades, a revolution in fishing techniques and the growth of the world population have caused a dramatic slump in fish stocks. It is a story which starts with Britain and the North Sea.

From Roman times until the early years of this century, the seas around Britain were famous for their rich abundance of sea life. But even when the industrial revolution began to create a mass market for fish, the means to satisfy it.

stocks remained relatively stable. This was not because of conservation but incompetence; fishing methods stayed remarkably similar from medieval times until well into this century. And on land, transport difficulties meant that for centuries fish only tended to reach much of the population after it was dried or salted.

chippy - Simpson's Fish Ordinary, a "fish and chop shop" existed as early as 1723. But it was the arrival in Britain of commercial refrigeration in 1861, together with rapid urbanisation, that both created an appetite for cheap protein and provided

"We like to think fish was the first protein-based fast food," said Arthur Parrington, general secretary of the National Federation of Fish Friers. "Sellers would fry it and peddle it on the streets. Dickens even made references to fried fish warehouses in Oliver Twist."

Fish was nutritious, cheap, and gradually became easily available. In the recession of the The precursor to the modern 1930s there were 50,000 fish and chip outlets (today there are 8,500). Known as "pin money" shops, they were run by housewives from the front of their

But despite the increasing demand, fish stocks didn't drop

trawlers from the seas during the First and Second World Wars. There seemed to be no reason to believe that the oceans would be anything but the source of an eternal harvest.

Then in the 1950s, the tide turned, chiefly because it became profitable to catch fish for industrial products - oils, fish-meal, fertiliser and animal feed. Freezer trawlers which could gut and freeze huge quantities of fish on board were introduced. Technology-based industrial fishing was born. Thirty years on, satellites en-

able trawlermen to predict the weather and sonars pinpoint dramatically, partly because of shoals of fish. Huge nets hoover

the temporary removal of them up; in some parts of the and haddock left there. Nearly trawlers from the seas during world, these are 50 miles long, three-quarters of young cod with openings that could ac-

commodate 16 jumbo jets. The results have been dramatic. From the turn of the century the world's fish catch grew nearly 20 times over. But it fell sharply in 1990 and has not recovered. Today, the UN's Food (FAO) reports that every one of the world's major fishing areas has either reached or exceeded its natural limits - and that nine

of them are in serious decline. The North Sea, once one of the world's richest marine areas. has been savagely affected. Every year, the industry sucks

up more than half of the cod

treme right-wing Zionism

forced him to leave Israel for a job in the United States. He

became a senior diplomat in Washington and New York,

famed for his facility on televi-

sion in Hebrew or English, known for his links to Ameri-

now? He will not withdraw

from Hebron, or discuss Jerusalem with the Palestinians,

as agreed under the Oslo

accords. He says he will build

more settlements on the West

Bank. The peace negotiations

What will Mr Netanyahu do

ca's conservative right.

three-quarters of young cod are caught before they have even started to mature. The stock of mackerel has crashed fifty-fold since the 60s, and fishing for herring had to be stopped attogether from 1977 to

Pollution and the destruction and Agriculture Organisation of wetlands - where fish breed have made things worse. Sales of fish keep increasing, aided by consumer concerns about health and scares such as the beef crisis. But the stocks are running down, as boats move into new areas, fish new species and compete ever more fiercely. Tempers are rising. And so,

> Thornton walks free Sara Thornton walked free from court yesterday after a jury found her not guilty of mur-dering her alcoholic husband

Malcolm but convicted her of

Road-rage shooting

A motorist has been shot dead

in what is believed to be the sec-

ond "road rage" murder in eight days. The attack, in which

Dunblane ordeal

The emotional ordeal suffered

by parents of children who died

in the massacre at Dunblane

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manslaughter.

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one man died and another was shot in the face, followed a minor collision.

between Israel and the Palesinquiry was told some parents 100 of the UK's largest companies. tinians, which began in 1993, are only learned they had lost their effectively over. He says he will child six hours after the shootnot give up the Golan Heights. ing had taken place. Page 4

Extra hour's drinking Drinkers could be given an extra hour to drink up in pubs and clubs over weekends by the end of the summer if new Home Office proposals go ahead.

The irresistible rise of Bibi

PATRICK COCKBURN

In the early hours of yesterday morning, he was being written-off. "Netanyahu, imprisoned by a sense of his own charisma, fell into a well and caused the collapse of the Likud [party], wrote one of Israel's betterknown newspaper columnists.

By the time that newspaper appeared in print it had all changed. Binvamin "Bibi" Netanvahu looked set to become the next prime minister of Israel. if only by a whisker. His lead is 20,000 votes out out of 3.9 million cast, but the 154,000 votes still to be counted are mostly those of soldiers expected to vote for the right.

Just for a moment, as the first exit polls were announced - giving the lead to Shimon Peres. the Israeli prime minister - Mr Netanyahu's easy self-confidence evaporated and his face turned white. But he has survived crises before, such as when Leah Rabin, the widow of murdered prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, denounced him affer her husband's funeral. There was talk of replacing him as party leader when his rating in the polls fell 20 per cent behind Mr Peres late last year.



Victory celebrations: Likud supporters lift a poster of Mr Netanyahu

stoppable about this man. In 1993, he appeared on television to admit that he had had an affair, his political opponents were trying to blackmail him by threatening to release a video showing him in a compromising

position with his girlfriend. Yet despite this, despite three marriages, it was the blackhatted ultra-Orthodox Jews who flocked to the polls this sistunce to his opponent as he Bentzion Netanyahu, an histo-

Yet there is something un- week to give him victory. He was could. President Bill Clinton all Mr Rabin and accused of rabble-rousing speeches before the murder; but he rebounded in bombs exploded in February and March in Isruel killing 63

He has had little help in this election. Yasser Arafat, the leader of the PLO, gave such as-

damaged by the assassination of but campaigned against Mr Netanyahu. The Israeli media regards him with suspicion and distaste. Above all else, his sucthe polls after four suicide cess will cause dismay because nobody knows if he is a committed ideologue or a successful opportunist.

Certainly, his family background is one of ideological commitment. He is the son of

Photograph: Reuter

But he is unlikely to do more unless there are more suicide bombs. He will have little difficulty forming a government because of the success of the right in the Knesset. He will want to restore relations between himself and the US. But the blunt truth is that - as would be the case were it Mr Peres who had triumphed - Mr Netanyahu will find it difficult

to do anything in a country that is so demonstrably split down the middle. Knife-edge vote, pages 14,15

Man dies in 'road rage' shooting

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

A motorist has been shot dead in what is believed to be the second "road rage" murder in eight days.

The attack, in which one man died and another was shot in the face, followed a high speed chase which is believed to have been prompted by a minor accident in which two cars bumped into each other in north London.

The murder comes shortly after the stabbing to death of Stephen Cameron, 21, who was killed during an argument with by road rage.

a motorist on a sliproad of the M25 junction at Swanley, Kent. on 19 May. There is increasing concern about road rage, in which frustrated motorists go berserk and strike out.

In the latest incident the killer is believed to have waved a gun from the window of his car as he chased three men in their vehicle for about a mile. At first the police believed the incident, which happened at

about 11pm on Monday, was most likely a drugs shooting, but after interviewing witnesses they now think it was inspired

The case began after a minor Gardens, Manor House, north collision at a junction of Seven Sisters Road and Woodberry Grove, Haringay between a red Mitsubishi car and a 'sports type" car. The Mitsubishi suffered slight damage. Witnesses said that the three men in the

Mitsubishi failed to stop. The second car gave chase and began waving what was described as a "stick" out of the window - police believe this was

probably a gun. The Mitsubishi driver fled at high speed and, believing that the pursuer had been shaken off, parked in nearby Surrey

The Mitsubishi driver was also threatened by the gun-London. But the three men, all man, but he ran away and manof whom were born in Ghana, aged to escape into open land. were then confronted by a white man who entered the street on The injured passenger was treated in hospital and released foot after parking around the corner. An argument began

about the damage to the white The man produced a handspoke with a London accent.

Sandy Myles, 47, was in his home nearby at the time of the gun from his pocket or waistband and shot one of the car's

two passengers - a 41-year-old man - in the chin. He then shot a second passenger twice in the head. The 35-year-old victim, a Ghanaian holidaymaker, died instantly.

the following day. The gunman is described as hite, in his mid-thirties, about 5ft 8ins tall and well-built. He

shooting. He said: "I looked out and saw a group of men shout-ing and yelling. It was one huge

"After looking out the front Stephen Cameron.

door I dialled 999. The argument then shifted to the other end of the road and I could see there were 10, maybe more, people involved.

"As I opened the front door I heard one gunshot. "I slammed the door shut,

then rang the police again and as I was doing so there were another two shots." Police are appealing for witnesses and are keen to establish

the make and model of the vehicle involved. The police are continuing their search for the killer of

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Taker customers are to get legal rights to claim
Compensation if supplies are interrupted as a result of Drought Orders being imposed John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced yesterday. Domestic consumers may also be entitled to compensation if water pressure is inadequate, while business customers may be able to claim payment for lasses incurred because of emergency restrictions being introduced.

Mr Gummer was responding to report from the water regulator. Ofwat, calling on the Government to introduce legislation at the earliest opportunity. At present, consumers are not entitled to claim compensation under the inclustry's Guaranteed Standards Scheme if supplies are ine incurse y schall areas where Frought Orders are in force fan Byatt, director-general of Water Services, said this loophole should be closed. This would allow householders to claim £10 for every day that supplies were interrupted up to a maximum of the water company's average domestic bill. The average domestic bill nation wide is £218, but in the South-west, where charges for the highest in the country, it is £320. Michael Harrison

The offspring of Irish migrants to England and Wales suffer more illness and die sooner than the general A surrer more niness and the sooner than the general population, according to new research which says an unhealthy lifestyle, including excess smoking and drinking, may be to blame. Previous research has shown that first generation firsh intuigrants have a death rate which is 30 per cent higher for men, and 20 per cent higher for women, the the theory was the fact that their fact that their fact that their that the average for England and Wales. The fact that their influences also appear unhealthier than the general population is a cause for concern, according to a paper published today in the British Medical Journal. Researchers from the Office for National Statistics and

the Institute of Public Health, at the University of Surrey in Guildford, conclude: "With over 2 million second generation Irish and growing numbers of a third generation, clearly special consideration should be given to their health." Dr. Hunt

national campaign against builying yesterday called con the Government to amend the Parents' Charter to give parents and children a guarantee that complaints about bullying will be taken seriously. The call was made by Childline at the launch in London of its new report - titled Why Me? which includes the results of a study carried out among children and in schools. The findings revealed that

unitying in achoods is still rife and that violent bullying, especially of boys, may be increasing.

Childline's chairman, Esther Rantzen, said: "At last the myth that bullying is good for you, that it is character forming has been exploded. Bullying isn't good for anyone.

It is a major cause of truancy. It destroys the victim's capacity to learn and enjoy school. And in extreme cases it can even lead to suicide - around 10 children every year kill themselves because they are bullied." Peter Victor

The debt-ridden Alexandra Palace site in north London is to become home to a multiplex cinema in an attempt to make it commercially viable, under plans expected to be endorsed by Haringey council last night. The development consortium, led by Champions Leisure McAlpine and Pillar Property, also intends to build a bowling alley, high-technology simulation rides and a tennis centre on the 123-year-old landmark at Muswell Hill.

Earlier this month Haringey, acting as trustee of the palace and park, accepted liability for £50m of the £55m lesses on the redevelopment and running of the park since it took over from the Greater London Council in 1980. Nigel Willmott, chairman of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board, said; "This is an important step towards securing the long term future of Ally Pally. In the meantime existing business at the Palace is brisk." Paul Field

A private security firm is to patrol GP surgeries in Birmingham and provide protection for doctors and their staff from violent patients, as part of a new campaign to reduce the incidence of assault, burglaries, and signalism. It follows mounting concern about the dangers doctors face each day, and the spiralling cost of security measures and building insurance premiums for their inner-city surgeries. So far 10 practices have signed up for the scheme which will cost £3,800 a year. Birmingham Health Authority will meet 70 per cent of the costs of the service provided by the Group 4 Total Security Force.

Melvin Heavy, a spokesman for the health authority said: The cost of measures such as alarms, fencing and lighting at GP practices has doubled in the last two years. This unique project is in response to that. We hope this initiative

Ccientists were invited last night to submit proposals

for investigations into Gulf War Syndrome. The move
by the Medical Research Council was the latest step in the
Ministry of Defence's programme to investigate illnesses
suffered by veterans of the 1991 Gulf war.

Advertisements will be placed in leading science journals
asking for proposals to examine two crucial areas: Whether
British veterans suffer more ill-health because of Gulf
service and, if so, the nature and extent of the risk and

will reduce the risk to GPs, staff and patients, as well as

providing a vital out-of-hours deterrent." Liz Hunt

service and, if so, the nature and extent of the risk and whether there are increased reproductive health problems in veterans and, if so, the nature and prevalence of the

Note than one-third of children in England and Wales were born outside wedlock last year as people continued to reject the idea of getting married before starting a family. A total of 33.9 per cent of live births occurred outside marriage in 1995, according to the Office for National Statistics. The figure was up slightly from 1994, when 32.4 per cent of children had parents who were not married. Experts say the trend reflects a shift in social and sexual aritindes in the last 10 years. In 1985, only 19.2 per cent of children were born illegitimate. per cent of children were born illegitimate.

The Marquess of Bristol earned more than £50,000 yeslerday by selling off eight lordships of the manor. But the prices made by his nine lots – one of which failed to reach its reserve - paled beside the £45,000 paid by an anonymous bidder for the Lordship of Brighton, and £30,000 for an obscure barony in Ireland. The Marquess, 41, once jailed for possession of heroin and cocaine, was selling his titles to help fund a new life in the Bahamas.

Aloaf of bread, believed to have been found in the ashes of the Great Fire of London, was sold for £322 at a Sotheby's anction in Somerset yesterday. The bread was catalogued as "carbonised" and had been expected to fetch f40-f60. It has been part of an array of "eccentricities" collected by Robert Holland-Martin, chairman of Magtin's Bank, a Prime Warden of the Fishmongers Company, and governor of Guy's Hospital, who died in 1944.



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Sinn Fein rolls in to the polls with money and men

If manpower and methodical Organisation are the keys to success in elections, then in west Belfast at least Sinn Fein are set to do well in the Northern Ire-

land poil. Outside polling stations in the republican heartlands of Ballylittle caravans containing two or three Sinn Fein workers. Many voters made their way to them before going into the polling stations, standing in a queue to hand in their voting cards.

Inside the caravans Sinn Fein workers had large pieces of cardboard with voting registers sellotaped to them, street by street. As the people handed in their cards their addresses were found in Glenalina Park, Britton's Parade and Ballymurphy Crescent, and carefully underlined. Other mysterious marks were added with a green highlighter.

posters, pictures of Gerry Adams and tricolour flags, provided a splash of colour on a dull, wet day. But security precautions were in evidence too: the registration numbers were covered up with black bin-bags. Up in Andersonstown came

David McKittrick

follows the election trail in west Belfast

murphy and Springfield sat Gerry Adams arrived to cast his vote at Holy Child primary school. Locals craned their necks for a glimpse, but he was engulfed in a scrum of American. European and Japanese camera crews. If he said anything of significance in the scrum he said it to America, Eu-

rope and Japan, not to Belfast. Across the peaceline in Protestant Ballygomartin, a middle-aged woman emerged from Forth River primary school complaining of the long list of Unionist parties on the ballot paper: "Talk about confusing in there," she shook her head. Progressive Unionists, The caravans, festooned with Ulster Unionists and all the rest - I knew beforehand who I wanted to vote for but still it was confusing. When I saw that big

list I was thrown a bit." Here there are no caravans and fewer workers. There are two men from the new Ulster Democratic Party dressed, oddthe media event of the day as ly, in identical dark green dou-



Making a mark: A voter and his son in the Springfield Road area of west Belfast yesterday Photograph: Brian Hams

ble-breasted suits, and a small bouncy woman from the Progressive Unionist Party, which is said, in the latest journalistic euphemism, to be familiar to the thinking of the paramilitary

Ulster Volunteer Force. She turned out to be Tracey Gould, an executive member of the PUP. "We need your vote to power base, the Protestant suget us round the table," she tells

those on their way into the polling station. What makes her think talks would work? "Because I think the smaller parties like us are more realistic about what we need to do. We need to respect each other's culture - gone are the days of the old Stormout and the old

Half a mile away in Woodvale heads turned at another polling station as bagpipe music was loudspeaker system zoomed round the corner, pulled up at the station and out jumped the Rev Eric Smyth, the Paisleyite lord mayor of Belfast. He helped out an elderly man and

other jaunty skirl of pipes Some PUP people shook their heads in wonder as they heard of Sinn Fein's level of organi-sation. "I suppose we'd be organised too if we had a million dollars from America," one woman said ruefully, contemplating her handful of leaflets, damp from the Belfast

In arguing that more needed

Hurd rounds on the Tory Euro-sceptics

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Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, last night issued a sharp warning to senior Tory true single market. Euro-sceptics that their goal of In a further sign of a fight-

Mr Hurd combined another WAR WITH BRUSSELS withering onslaught on the prejudice of nationalistic newspapers with a call for the removal of the remaining obstacles to a

Mr Hurd told the Ulster subordinating European law to
national law "in all circumsupra-national powers given to "supra-national powers given to stances" would mean saving the [European] Commission and the European Court are and the European Court are essential if we are to achieve a back by pro-European Tories, full single market".

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Mr Hurd pointed out that it was Baroness Thatcher who had been "quite right" to agree to a "substantial degree of qual-ified majority voting to set the

single market in motion." He said there was no case for extending the powers of the Commission and the European Court "into other fields where

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governments can operate efing from John Redwood to British courts to enforce Eurofectively on their own." But he Michael Howard, the Home pean law. added: "In the field of the single market, the Commission and moves to drastically reduce the the Court are the allies of those reach of European law. who want the playing field to be level. We should help them to peated his call for a declaration

move further and faster." Mr Hurd's remarks about the importance of the European Court to progress on the single market will be seen in the Tory

Secretary, who have argued for that Parliament was superior to European law. Mr Howard has

to be done to liberalise the internal market. Mr Hurd cited Mr Redwood vesterday rethe example of public procurement contracts, which were "too often skewed, for example in Germany, in favour of the local firm." He added: "There been arguing behind the scenes for an amendment to the 1972 is still too much bureaucracy in European Communities Act to

the European and national party as a rebuke to those rangremove the obligation on Vets' guidelines cheer British ministers

CHARLES ARTHUR and DONALD MACINTYRE

Ministers were cheered yesterday when their efforts to gain a partial lifting of the European beef ban next week were boosted by new guidelines on beef and beef products from an international body of vets.

The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), in-cluding chief veterinary officers from 117 countries, yesterday released a report saying that there is no proof of any risk of mad cow disease, or Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, from trading in semen from healthy bulls, and that properly processed gelatine, collagen and

tallow from cattle are harmless. The WOAH also said that there is no reason to ban exports of British cattle or beef - as long as particular safety measures are taken. But it did support an "absolute ban" on the export of suspect organs now excluded by law

SAFETY OF BEEF

from human foods in the UK. These include the brain, eyes, spinal cord, tonsils and spicen of any cow aged over six months. Semen, gelatine, collagen and tallow are all byproducts of

beef processing, and the Gov-ernment has been fighting hard to have the ban on their export to other European states lifted. It was the refusal last week by several EU members to allow the byproducts' export which led to John Major's "non-coopera-tion" tactic in other EU dealings. The EU's veterinary officers

meet next Monday, and Britain will be lobbying hard to have the ban on these products lifted financial.

For Britain to win its case, France and Germany would have to agree that the products will. We have got to fight our corner. There is no way back."

The Ministry of Agriculture,

Fisheries and Food (MAFF) welcomed the report, saying that it was "a clear endorsement of the UK position on BSE" and that it "again shows that the EU export ban is entirely unjustified". MAFF also highlighted the fact that the WOAH report did not call for mass slaughter of cattle.

In a clear sign that Euro-scep-tic Tories will demand substantial concessions from the EU on a "framework" for total lifting on the ban after next week, James Cran, MP for Beverley, said that the EU were trying to raise the stakes.

In a warning to Mr Major not a result whose significance to let up on his policy of non-would be political rather than cooperation with EU business, Mr Cran added: "The secret is that the Prime Minister must not blink. And I do not think he

Milk under EU microscope

KATHERINE BUTLER

The European Commission will announce within the next day or so whether it believes babies are at risk from the nine powdered milk products found to contain low levels of harmful chemicals. It will also decide whether to ask the Government to publish the brand names of the baby foods

Experts in Brussels began evaluating a report supplied by the Government yesterday but said they would need at least 48 hours to decide if the findings represent a health risk. No brand names were con-

warded in compliance with a commission request on Wednesday. A spokesman said that at this stage the commission had asked only for details of the levels of phthalates found and the methodology used by British researchers.

"It is too soon to say if we agree with the Department of Health's opinion that there is no risk. It is quite a complex calculation so we may need to call in outside experts," the spokesman said.

Other member states would be entitled to invoke public tained in the 10-page report for-health safeguards in the EU

treaty to ban imports of the brands tested if the commission alerts them to an "urgent or imminent" risk, he added.

The baby milk scare could be placed on the agenda of the EU Scientific Committee for Food which is scheduled to meet next week if either the commission or another government thinks action at EU level is jus-

The commission sought information from Britain under its rapid reaction system for health scares. This obliges member states to report to Brussels on serious problems within 24 hours so it can assess whether citizens in other parts of the EU

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Thornton free after jury clears her of murder

Verdict fails to resolve legal issues of domestic violence. Will Bennett reports

Sara Thornton walked free from court yesterday after a jury found her not guilty of murdering her alcoholic husband, but convicted her of manslaughter.

Her case had become a cause celèbre for women's groups be-cause Thornton, 41, said that her husband, Malcolm, beat her up regularly. It put the issue of reforming the law on domestic violence firmly on the

political agenda.

Thornton said after yester-day's verdict: "I am too tired to feel a sense of victory and there has been too much pain and at the end of the day, Malcolm

But the verdict after a 12-day retrial at Oxford Crown Court, ordered by the Court of Appeal, did nothing to resolve the issue of how the courts should deal with women driven to kill by repeated domestic violence.

Mr Justice Scott Baker sentenced Thornton to five years imprisonment for manslaughter, but said that the outcome was the result of evidence that she was suffering from a severe personality disorder rather than question of provocation.

He told Thornton "I sentence you on the basis that your reponsibility for killing your husband was diminished by your abnormality of mind."

Thornton showed no emotion as the jury of eight men and four women returned their verdict after deliberating for six hours and staying overnight in a hotel. She silently mouthed "I love you" to ber daughter Luise moments before the jury foreman announced its decision. Luise, 18, and Barbara Garv-

er, Thornton's sister, wept with relief at the verdict. Across the court Malcolm Thornton's family looked shocked and disappointed by

the decision. Gladys Sothers, his

The judge's sentence meant that Thornton could walk free as she had already served five and a half years of a life sentence imposed in 1990 when she was convicted at her first trial

of murdering her husband.
"I do not think that you represent a continuing danger to the public and the sentence I am going to pass will not mean that you have to return to prison,' the judge told her.

Thornton never denied killing her husband but claimed that she stabbed him accidentally after a row as he lay drunk on the sofa of their home in Atherstone, Warwickshire, in 1989. The prosecution claimed that she was a "pathological liar" who killed him for financial reasons.

She lost her first appeal but what had been a domestic murder case which had passed largely unnoticed was taken up by women's groups campaigning for a change in the way courts deal with domestic vio-

A high-profile campaign followed which culminated in a second appeal hearing last De-cember, at which her lawyers said that she was a victim of "battered woman syndrome" as a result of her husband's repeated violence, which caused her to lose control and kill

The Court of Appeal quashed the murder conviction and ordered a retrial. But the question of battered woman syndrome played little part in her second trial, during which much attention was paid to her personality disorder

Psychiatrists told the court that Thornton suffers from a condition called dissociation, which causes her to react inappropriately to events and tell people what she thinks they



Helping hands: Sara Thornton outside court with her relatives after yesterday's verdict

After the verdict yesterday, Mrs Sothers said: "We basical-

ly think that the jury has bowed to feminist pressure. No one could have stood up to that." Jean Murray, another of Mr

that she has not proved that she minished responsibility. They was a battered wife. She has just did come back and ask quesproved that she has an abnormality of mind."

But Thornton said later: "We in their minds." don't know how the jury found Thornton's sisters, added: "It for manslaughter, whether it has cleared Malcolm's name in was for provocation or for displayed the sentence were and added: "I am not say-places of history rather than

tions on provocation and so obviously the issue was uppermost

She said that she thought the

ing that every woman should be sent to prison, but for me it was fair. I took a life at the end of

As for her future, Thornton said she planned to write a book.

ing place for me." She added: "I have a new life to build." Asked about her conscience, she said: "I'm very, very judgemental of myself, probably

Tragedy that tore apart a family

Rarely have the wounds of a family been so exposed as they were during the retrial of Sara Thornton for the murder of her husband Malcolm. Little had been forgotten and even less forgiven, writes Will Bennett.

A sheet of paper was pasted across the pane of glass which separated Thornton from the small public gallery to stop her husband's family from glaring at her. They had been moved to the back of the court so that the jury could not see their reactions

Like the complex Thornton herself, nothing about this case was straightforward and it spawned a tangled web of fumily alliances. The first witness for the prosecution was Henry Cooper, her father, and the second was her stepmother Juliette. Both painted an unsympathetic picture of her.

Thornton has always blamed many of her problems on her upbringing, portraying her fa-ther as cold and uncaring, and her mother, Jane, who died more than 20 years ago, as a brutal disciplinarian.

It is four years since father and daughter have spoken, their always fragile relationship shat-Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid tered by the publicity sur-rounding the case. He is punishment. Prison was a healangered by the accusations she has made about her childhood, and she has never got over his comment after the first trial that "justice had been done".

Later in the retrial, the Coopers sat in the public gallery im-mediately behind Jean Murray and Gladys Sothers, Malcolm Thornton's sisters, who have always maintained that he was not violent. It was an unlikely alliance.

In the years following the stabbing of Mr Thornton, one who kills her husband. "There made history in 1991 by ruling of the most vociferous voices in his support was that of Moyra Friend. She died last October That swept away a centuries-old from asthma which her family say was exacerbated by the stress of the impending retrial. By contrast the first witness for the defence was Thorn-

ton's sister Billi Garver, who cried as she told the court how she found her sister lying in a pool of blood after a suicide attempt. There was a softness in her voice as she mentioned Thornton's extreme behaviour and mood swings.

A few feet from the Coopers. across the aisle of the public gallery, which seemed to represent an unbridgeable divide. sat Luise. Thornton's 18-yearold daughter from her first marriage, who lives with Mrs Garver and has always supported her mother. The two factions did not acknowledge one another.

Trial forced plight of battered wives into the open

We will never know quite what file cases - Kiranjit Albuwalia, went through the jury's mind when they brought in yesterday's verdict on Sara Thornton. And after two appeals and two trials there will remain those convinced that Thornton is a calculating killer and those equally convinced that she was Mmore sinned against than sinner.

What is not in doubt, however, is that it was her case, her improtest and her campaign that put the plight of battered women firmly on the agenda, forcing senior judges to acknowledge that the law often did not deal fairly between men and women.

Since domestic violence accounts for one in four of all recorded violent crimes, the fight is not over. But Thornton and others in similar positions have benefited from greater understanding, inside and outside the courts. In two other high-pro-

who burnt to death a husband who had tortured her for 10 years, and Emma Humphreys, who killed her violent boyfriend murder convictions were reduced to manslaughter by the

Court of Appeal. For the first time appeal judges were taking into account the cumulative effects of sustained violence on the killers. prisonment, her hunger-strike The difference in approach was crucial because it amounted to the judiciary acknowledging battered women's syndrome for the first time, and deciding what effect this would have had on a woman's behaviour.

The shift in attitude is none the less limited, and it remains the case that a man is more likely to be able to run the defence of provocation than a woman. People who kill can claim self-

defence, diminished responsibility or provocation in their The law needs to shift further in acknowledging the effects of provocation on women, writes Heather Mills

defence. For the battered wife, provocation would seem the most obvious, but while the Alhuwalia and Humphreys cases have tilted the law a little more in favour of abused women, it remains a rule that there must be a "sudden and temporary loss of control. A man is often more inclined to lose control in that way - and to possess the physical strength to give immediate vent to it.

Where there is any delay between the provocation and the response the defence is far trickier. Courts have maintained that any delay is a cooling-off period: lawyers and women's groups seek to widen the definition, insisting that for women it is the complete op-posite, a "boiling over" period.

So provocation can lead to the sentencing. The Thornton affair acquittal of a man who suddenly has equally illustrated the shortsnaps, even if the trigger is comings of the mandatory life something trivial - as in the case sentence for murder, which of Thomas Corlett, who killed meant she had to receive the his wife after she moved the mustard pot to the wrong side of the table and was sentenced to three years for manslaughter. Or Joseph McGrail, who at the same time as Thornton killed her alcoholic husband, killed his

alcoholic common law wife. He

was given a suspended sen-

tence by a judge who said the

woman "would have tried the patience of a saint". There might not have been such a need for the debate on the finer legal definitions of provocation or diminished responsibility if courts could re-flect circumstances

same sentence as a hit-man or terrorist who kills dozens.

Senior judges, led by Lord Taylor the outgoing Lord Chief Justice, and numbers of peers, lawyers and academics believe that the inflexibility of the law on homicide is bringing the justice system into disrepute. Lord Lane, the former Lord Chief Justice not noted for par-

ticularly liberal views, said he "cannot believe there is public support" for a law which treats a terrorist who kills with a bomb in the same way as a doc-

is a huge range of murder and to lump them all together and give them the same sentence is wrong," he has said. But Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has made clear Sir Matthew Hale, the Chief

his view that murder, no matter Justice, that "by their mutual what the motive, is so serious that matrimonial consent and conit must carry a life penalty. It is an open question whether an in-coming Labour government would risk sending a different message to the public. In the meantime, domestic vi-

olence remains a serious social problem. It is true that legal and cultural attitudes have moved on. The police are not so prone to treat cases of wife-battering as "domestics" in which they should not intervene. The 1976 domestic-violence legislation and the increased use of court injunctions have provided some tor or relative who helps in a degree of protection. A special mercy killing or a battered wife five-judge Court of Appeal

of abuse. Sandra Horley, a so-cial psychologist and chief ex-ecutive of Refuge, has called for a co-ordinated initiative - with education and training, greater support and counselling, more refuges, and a tough line from the police and courts to deal with the abusers.

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makes a mint from sale of Gulf war gold coins

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

You've read the book, you've seen the film, now buy the sou-

A million pounds' worth of gold sovereigns, issued to RAF aircrew and SAS men who might have been captured behind Iraqi lines during the Gulf War and need to buy their way out of trouble, are to be sold by the MoD to raise money. It emerged yesterday that the pre-sentation packs will be signed

by General Sir Peter de la Billiere, who is widely blamed for starting an avalanche of books and television programmes about the SAS. The news has furthered angered members of the forces who blame Sir Peter for compromising the SAS mys-

In certain parts of the world, only gold will do. Whereas the warring factions in Bosnia were keen to steal credit cards, in the desert, gold says more than American Express ever can. The coins were carried by aircrew and SAS men and taped into their clothing, perhaps to persuade Bedouin tribesmen to send them back to the allied forces without performing traditional desert customs, which could include castration. Each man carried 20 coins.

The MoD purchased the 60,000 gold coins from the Bank of England in January 1991, just before the conflict erupted, for about £60 each. The real value of the 22-carat gold coins will fluctuate with the price of gold. Instead of selling

them back to the bank of Eng-land, the MoD decided it could make more money by selling them in presentation packs.

Gold coins are a standard part of "Escape and Evasion" equipment - survival kit "for individuals who might find themselves at special risk or particularly vulnerable to capture behind enemy lines".

The MoD order clearly anticipated the Gulf War lasting longer than it did, and the sale of the 16,000 coins for 800 combatants is seen as "good housekeeping". If another con-flict should occur in which significant numbers of service personnel have to operate behind enemy lines, the MoD said, they will make another

As a Lieutenant General, Sir Peter, who had served in the SAS, was the senior British officer in Saudi Arabia during the 1991 Gulf War. Sources told the Independent his signature on the presentation packs would attest that the coins had been to the Gulf and back.

They are standard bullion sovereigns - they weren't minted specially for the occasion or anything like that", sources told

the Independent. "A huge proportion of them were obviously issued to troops and airmen, because they've got the sticky from the tape they used to stick them to the web-

bing still on them."
The liquidity of solid gold coins has long made them an attractive means of exchange, even after the introduction of banknotes, travellers' cheques

and credit cards. In the film of From Russia with Love, James Bond reveals he is carrying gold sovereigns in his briefcase. With paper currencies fluctuating wildly, Special Operations Executive commandos who raided the Nazi missile base at Peenemunde in the Second World War took gold sovereigns

The Curator of the Royal Engineers' Museum at Chatham recalled the story of a young Engineer officer sent to Egypt

sion if captured.

with them as means of persua-

just after the turn of the century to map the Nile Delta. He took quantities of gold to hire horses and staff. His drawings of Egyptian temples were so brilliant they instigated a stream of protest against the Government's plans to flood the delta.

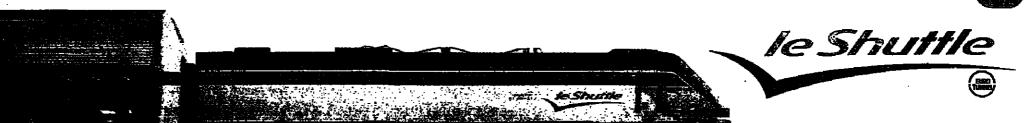
Gold sovereigns may be on the way out. "We've opened up quite a few offices in the new states of the former Soviet Union and so on in the past few years", the Foreign Office said, "But they haven't gone off with bags full of gold sovereigns".



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Parents' six-hour ordeal waiting for news' in the Dunblane tragedy: Inquiry told of delays while dead children were identified continued suffered the parents of children who and taken to hospitals. In the Dunblane tragedy and taken to hospitals. In the Dunblane tragedy: Inquiry told of delays while dead children were identified.

died in the massacre at Dunblane was revealed yesterday when the inquiry was told that some parents only learned they had lost their son or daughter six hours after the shooting

er have envisaged, the difficul-ties the authorities faced in co-ordinating information on the dead and injured and the chaos at the school as worried parents demanded to know if the children were alive or dead, were highlighted in evidence given before Lord Cullen in Stirling.

Detective Chief Superintendent John Ogg, the senior offi-cer at Dunblane Primary School on 13 March, was questioned by advocate Laura Dunlop, acting for the families of children who were injured and murdered by Thomas Hamilton. Det Ch Supt Ogg had given details of how from around 10am the police had tried to identify the children ed when Ms Dunlop said the

The emotional ordeal suffered still alive and taken to hospitals, by the parents of children who and those who were dead.

Initially, all parents were ushered into a private house near the school. Most had gathered at the school by 10.30am. As in-formation trickled in, parents of class 1.13, which had been in the had taken place.

The confusion in an operation the police could probably nevents of injured children were told by 1.30pm. Others had to wait by 1.30pm. Others had to wait longer. Parents of pupils believed

Reports: James Cusick

dead were then driven to the school to wait in the staff room. Asked whether there were still parents waiting to be told if their son or daughter were dead at 5.30pm, Det Ch Supt Ogg said "I don't think so." Following his answer there were sighs of incredulity from parents and rel-atives sitting in the gallery. When told this was the case, he said he found it "difficult to believe".

The confusion was illustrat-

husband and daughter of the murdered teacher, Gwen Mayit could have been better done." or, were kept in separate rooms at the school. Rodney Mayor had been frantically trying to contact his daughter, Esther, on the telephone for an hour when

she was only a few feet away. Identifying the bodies in the gym. Det Ch Supt Ogg said, was an unbelievable situation. Staff were breaking down. I saw

some officers crying". Supt Joseph Holden, the officer initially in charge of placing a cordon round the school, said he had been confronted by anxious parents who had heard on the radio at 10.30am that 12 children had been killed. Supt Holden said he had not been told this. He explained to the inquiry that as there had been con-flicting reports in identifying who was dead or injured, he had decided that all information should be reconfirmed before parents were told. Mr Holden, admitting there

could have a margin of error in the timings of when parents

The headtcacher, Ronald

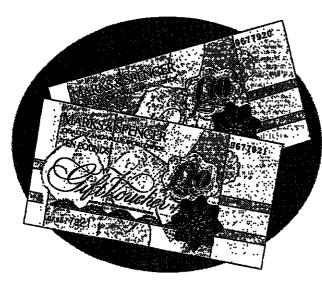
Taylor, yesterday described how on the day of massacre the school's assembly had only just finished. Around 250 pupils and 10 staff began filing out of the assembly hall at 9.30am. Toclear the hall "took three or four minutes". Police estimate Hamilton's first shot was fired

Mr Taylor said he was in his office when he heard noise, which he believed to come from builders. He was on the telephone, when the assistant head, Agues Awlson, entered his room in a crouched position. She told him a man with a gun was in the school and to get down. "I dialled 999," he said. Three minutes from hearing the first "noise" Mr Taylor went to the gym. "It was a scene of unimaginable carnage, our worst nightmare. The air was thick with blue smoke, the smell of cordite was strong."
The inquiry continues.



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Killer was facing prosecution over council tax debt

ly in debt and on the verge of council tax when he shot himself. On the second day of the Dunblane inquiry it was re-vealed that the boys' clubs that Hamilton had run since 1988 and which had attracted much public suspicion had not - as his relatives believed – made him money, but in fact cost him near-ly £16,000.

Insight into Hamilton's childnood and the life his family believed he led, were given in vidence to the inquiry yesterday by his mother, Agnes Watt. 64, and from his grandfather, James Hamilton, now aged 87.

For most of his childhood Hamilton had believed his mother was his sister. In 1950, Mrs Watt had married Thomas Hamilton. In 1952, the couple had a son. Thomas, but separated shortly after his birth. Mrs Watt went back to live with her parents. She went out to work and her parents adopted their grandson. When he was about Hamilton was told Mrs continued for some time to re-

gard and treat her as his sister. Mrs Watt struggled to give much details of the life her son had led. She said she they were close and met regularly. He tele-phoned her every night. But she knew little about her son's friends, what was his source of income was, or much about the boys' clubs he had run.

Hamilton's grandfather, with whom he lived until 1992, also appeared to know little of his

On the day before Hamilton carried out the mass murder at Dunblane Primary School, he had gone round to his mother's

his mother that night. Mrs Watt had phoned his home the following morning. By that time he had murdered 17 people and shot himself. A police officer answered the telephone at Hamilton's Stirling home.

The inquiry also heard details Hamilton's finances. Through a series of overdrawn bank accounts, heavy use of a Barelaycard, an account at through finance companies for business supposedly based on



eras, Hamilton owed, according police inquiries, just over £11,000.

Police estimate the running of the boys clubs since 1988 had cost him £15,907. He had only one bank account in the black

- with 3p lodged.
Detective Chief Superintendent Paul Hughes told the inquiry that Hamilton had no measurable income, was in receipt of housing benefit, but not unemployment benefit, and that a sheriff's warrant for house for a bath and "a unpaid council tax had als blether". When he did not call recently been issued to him. unpaid council tax had also

'Vogue' caught in model debate

GLENDA COOPER

Pictures of skeletal models in their underwear have prompted a leading watch company to withdraw its advertising cam-paign from the glossy fashion magazine Vogue it was claimed last night.

The move is bound to fuel the continuing debate about the link between eating disorders and so-called "super-waif" models whose emaciated frames are used in fashion shoots.

Giles Rees, brand director for Omega, said he was "appalled" at the "extremely distasteful" pictures of the women model-ling underwear. "I thought it was irresponsible for a leading magazine which should be setting an example to select models of auorexic proportions," he said yesterday.

It is not the first time Vogue has been criticised in this way. In the June 1993 issue photographs of model Kate Moss were described as close to "child pornography, with the waif-like model posing in see-through knickers reminiscent of sexshop merchandise.

Last year criticism of the 17-year-old model Jodie Kidd, 6ft lin and reputedly under 9 stone, led to her exit from shows in New York and Milan in order

to put on weight.
Mr Rees said of the Vogue shoot: "It made every effort to

accentuate their skeletal ap-pearance. Since logue presumably targets an audience which includes young and impressionable females, its creators must surely be aware that they will inevitably be influenced by what laughably passes for

fashion in these pages. "Since I have no intention of endorsing this type of editorial
... I have suspended any further advertising with Vogue," he said.

Omega uses models such as Cindy Crawford and Elle MacPherson for its watch campaigns, but Mr Rees said although they were slim, they were not excessively thin.

"In using these models, along with our sporting 'heroes' and other testimonials, it is our intention to promote accomplishment, rather than unrealistic physical expectations,

The director of the Eating Disorders Association, Joanna Vincent, welcomed Omega's move, saying: "We hope other commercial companies and advertisers will adopt a more responsible attitude with the fashion models they use.

But Stephen Quinn, p lishing director of Vogue, sid he had received no official confirmation of the campaign's withdrawal. "We will be speaking to the managing director of Omega before we will accept this as a cancellation," he said



would normally do."

cohol, agreed that longer open-

ing hours could encourage heavy drinkers to drink more.

"Research shows that one in

four men drink too much and

that 38 per cent of young men

between 18 and 24 drink more than the recommended amoun

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Drinkers to get extra time as laws are relaxed

GLENDA COOPER

Drinkers could be given an extra hour to drink up in pubs and clubs over weekends by the end of the summer if new Home Office proposals go

The move, backed by police, is designed to bring drinking laws up to date for the 1990s. While drinking laws were radically revised in 1988 when all day drinking was introduced, some laws still date back to First World War attempts to curb drunkenness in vital munitions

Under the new proposals laid out in a Home Office consultation document, pubs would be permitted to serve alcohol until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and registered clubs could add an hour to their late licences. Landlords would have to apply individually, giving magistrates absolute discretion over granting or refusing

Tim Kirkhope, a Home Office Minister, said: "We need licensing laws that reflect the leisure needs of today and give people the opportunity to spend their money when they want to and where they want to.

My proposals represent a further sensible and measured relaxation of licensing hours on what are the most popular nights of the week for enjoying a drink in the local pub. They also allow for responsible con-

trol by licensing authorities." The new proposals, out for consultation until 30 August, will please brewers but may cause concern in the wider

already plagued by trouble at pub turning-out time.

A spokesman for the Brewers and Licensed Retailers' Association said: "We think it is good news for many pub customers. Longer hours do not lead to more drunkenness, but the very opposite is true. Peo-ple can drink in a more relaxed manner and choose to drink

And the police do not believe the plans will cause major prob-lems. Keith Povey, Leicestershire's Chief Constable and a member of the Association of Thief Police Officers, said: "The Police Service supports measured relaxation in the present licensing regime. The consultation is a welcome development and the proposals will be given favourable consideration

Dr John Rae, director of the Portman Group which was set up by the drinks industry to promote sensible drinking, said: "I don't think an hour of drinking will lead to more drunkenness and disorder. My view is these things depend on how well a pub is managed, the local authority's attitude to public transport, how well the sensible drinking message has got

But a spokesman for Alcohol Concern said: "Our feeling is that it would delay the problems surrounding chucking-out time. with people spilling on to the streets an hour or more later than usual. It would also be more difficult to get public transport. It's hard enough at normal closing time but it would he even harder at midnight,



Poised for flight: A MiG15 jet of the type used in combat against the United States in the Korean war 45 years ago ready for Sunday's Classic

Jet and Fighter Display organised by the Old Flying Machine Company at Duxford Airfield, Cambridgeshire

Safety drives fail to dent road deaths toll

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The death toll on Britain's roads remained virtually the same in 1995 as in the previous year, ending a series of sharp declines. The figures will disappoint road safety campaigners and will provide ammunition for those seeking more radical measures to be taken against speeding motorists.

In 1995, 3,621 people died on Britain's roads compared with 3.650 in 1994. While this is again a record low since statistics were first collected in 1926, the very small reduction suggests that the figures are bottoming out at a level which the roads minister, Steven Norris, said still means "nearly 10 people a day are dying in road accidents". Between 1989 and 1994, deaths

went down sharply each year, reducing from 5,373 to 3,650. Provisional figures issued in March had indicated a slight increase in the number of deaths, but the Department of Transport said yesterday that these earlier figures had been based on inflated estimates in based on inflated estimates in some areas. Serious injuries were down by 2 per cent to 45,523, while slight injuries resome areas. Serious injuries to stop issuing quarterly statis-

duced by 1 per cent to 261,362. In 1987, the Government adopted a target to reduce road casualties by one-third from the average during the 1980s. While this target has been met for fatalities and serious injuries, slight injuries are 8 per cent above the baseline figure.

Pedestrian deaths went down by 8 per cent to 1,032 and pedestrian casualties decreased by 3 per cent. This is partly explained by a reduction in walking revealed in other surveys as more and more people use cars even for very short journeys.

The number of cyclists killed on the roads rose to 213, an increase of a quarter on 1994, but this may be explained by an increase in the number of people using bikes. It is still well below the early 1980s average of 312.

The end of the declining trend has led the Government to launch a hard-hitting campaign against speeding motorists, who are thought to be responsible for one-third of road deaths.

However, there was criticism yesterday because the Department of Transport has decided tics on road casualties "because of financial cutbacks".

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British men are less fertile than Finns

Health Editor

Fears about declining sperm quality and quantity nationally could be justified. This is suggested by a study showing Finnish men are more fertile than their British peers.

The Finns are known to have the highest sperm counts in the world and appear to have es-caped the falling sperm counts and abnormalities of the reproductive tract which are being reported from the rest of Europe. These have been linked with chemicals, such as the phthalates at the centre of the baby milk row, which mimic the female hormone oestrogen.

However, the new study speculates that the "Finnish exception" to falling sperm rates may be due to lower rates of maternal smoking in Finland com-The study by Dr Michael Johe, a senior lecturer in public health at Imperial College. London, is significant because it ussessed how long it took cou- and the rest of Europe.

ples to get pregnant as a mea-sure of fertility, rather than sperm counts or motility which are difficult to compare.

"It is the first time that someone has shown a change in fertility as well as a change in sperm quality," Dr Joffe said yesterday. To test the hypothesis that Finnish males are more fertile than British males, Dr Joffe compared "time to pregnancy" data from two different studies in each country carried out between the early 1980s and 1991,

According to a report in to-

morrow's issue of the Lancet, fertility was statistically significantly greater in Finland than Britain. Dr Joffe concludes: "The previously reported difference in sperm counts between Finland and elsewhere in north-west Europe is probably not artefactual, suggesting that the reported worldwide decline

in semen quality is also real." Dr Joffe said more research was needed to establish the reasons for the differences in male fertility between Finland

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Head Teachers' conference: As Labour turns its back on progressive education, schools crave hard cash to improve standards

Blunkett treads a bumpy road to reform

David Blunkett must have felt relieved yesterday when his call for a return to traditional teaching methods in primary schools was received with polite re-straint by head teachers. Three years ago when John Patten. then Secretary of State for Education, delivered a similar

message he was booed. The warmer reception which greeted Mr Blunkett at this year's National Association of Head Teachers' conference was due in part to the fact that he is not yet in power, and the catcalls which Mr Patten faced owed something to the profession's frustration over issues such as testing, league tables, and the National Curriculum.

But the intervening years have also seen a sea-change in classrooms which Labour's education spokesman must have known would work in his favour. In 1993 the Government's "Three Wise Men" report on primary-school teaching methods had just recommended the increase in whole-class teaching phonics and stream-ing which Mr Blunkett now advocates. At the time, teach-

Analysis

Chris Woodhead. Robin Alexander and Jim Rose that their reluctance to abandon the progressive style of the 1960s had caused pupils to fail. They maintained that they had always used a mixture of

methods, and to an extent they were right. But despite the profession's initial resistance the ideological pendulum has begun to swing back in favour of traditional teaching. Primary teachers are more likely to deliver their lessons to a whole class, rather than allowing children to work in groups, and chil-dren are more likely to be put into sets according to ability.

So Mr Blunkett, whose decision to set out guidance on teaching methods contrasts sharply with his party's earlier laissez-faire attitude, is pushing at a door which is already halfopen. He knows, though, that he is entering a debate which has raged fiercely for more than three decades, and he has done his homework. His reers were angered by the suggestion from educationalists searches have taken him back to the Plowden Report of 1967,

which he criticised yesterday for promoting progressive methods and clouding the importance of direct teaching. He has noted that as early as 1982 primary schools were being urged to

pointed out that research published a decade ago highlighted gaps in achievement between schools with very similar intakes. He has been careful not to lay

of the teaching profession, though. He has blamed the Government for failing to spread good practice and for allowing the National Curriculum to squeeze out the basics.

The road he has chosen, sharpen up their practice in the teaching of maths. And he has

however, is a bumpy one. Two groups, both vocal and determined, are bound to protest. The teacher trainers, accused

Government initiatives than with sub-standard training or an attachment to 1960s ideology. the teaching profession which will remain deeply sceptical.

There is also an element in Many teachers still believe that education is about exploration by Mr Blunkett of turning out recruits who cannot teach the cramming facts into heads.

They will be no more willing to respond to a Labour Party which they believe has put on Conservatives' clothing than they have been to the pressures

exerted by the Government. For now, most teachers are reserving judgement until they see what a Labour government will do. Their overriding concern is that more money should be put into education, and they will be much more ready to lis-

they do in their classrooms if they have the books and resources they need.

Mr Blunkett should not assume that the heads' muted response vesterday was a sign of approval. If he does not have some hard cash in his back pocket by the time he visits next year's conference, he should prepare himself for a rough ride.

FRAN ABRAMS **Education Correspondent**



Schools inspectors are earning up to £80,000 per year and can take as much as 18 weeks holiday, a head-teachers' lender said yesterday, writes Fran

David Hart, General Sccretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, attacked the payments as "grossly inflated" and accused the Government of allowing school inspections to

become a gravy train. Some head teachers who were planning to retire this term and become inspectors would be able to add their £15,000-per-year pensions to these earnings along with a lump sum, he added.

He told his association's annual conference in Torquay that the Chief Inspector of Schools, Chris Woodhead, had confirmed that a registered inspector or team leader could make a profit of around £4,500 on each inspection. By carrying out 17 one-week inspections per year and by restricting preparation and report writing to ap week, an inspector could earn three times the salary of a primary-school head, he said, adding: "This just demonstrates the crass standards we have ... in our education system."

Privatised teams now bid for contracts to carry out inspections under a programme designed to cover every school in England by 1998.

Margaret Morrissey, spokesoman for the National Association of Lay Inspectors, denied that the job was overpaid and said most team leaders spent about three weeks on each inspection. "If we want the right calibre of people ... then this is the right money. But we should be bringing the rest of the education system into the same wage bracket," she said. Parents at the school attended by Mary-Claire Patten, nineyear-old daughter of the former Secretary of State for Education, John Patten, have voted against opting out of local authority control. A ballot at St Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic primary school in Westminster, London, revealed that 139 were against the move while just 55 were in favour.



Writing on the wall: A primary teacher uses chalk and blackboard in class as the educational pendulum swings back towards traditional methods

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Goal is to rediscover 'balance' in primary teaching

Parents should be as concerned about choosing a primary school as they are over the choice of secondary. By the time children reach 11, the die has been largely cast. Educational underachievement and socioeconomic factors have already taken their toll.

The national test results at 11 have shown that half our young people are performing below par in maths and English. Even when the problems over testing

David Blunkett's speech to association outlines policy under a future Labour government are taken into account, there is still a major problem to be

Debate has raged since the Sixties around the most appropriate method for teaching at primary level. In 1967, the Plowden report set the stage for what was intended to be a balance in teaching between instruction and exploration. However, interpretations of the report leant

too far towards child-centred education. Small-group exploration was overused at the ex-

pense of whole-class instruction. Since Plowden, primary teaching has too often neglected the importance of the direct transmission of information to children. Teachers' pedagogic skills have often been lost in an over-reliance on children's selfdiscovery and exploration.

The Government has failed to disseminate good practice or to act. The overloaded national curriculum caused particular problems for primary schools. Too much concentration on academic debates over the curriculum squeezed out the vital

simply to abuse rather than to

support schools constructively.

By the time the report of the so-called "Three Wise Men" was released in 1992, teacher training had focused too much on one approach, confusing many teachers and undermining their skills in translating knowledge into learning. Teachfocus on teaching the basics. A ers had not been taught how to decade later, ministers choose

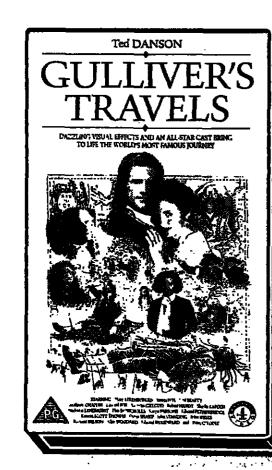
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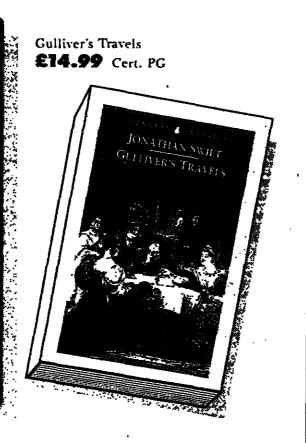
ance in teaching. It suggested that teachers should choose teaching techniques "fit for their purpose" and not accord-

ing to dogma or habit. Teachers must be taught more about how to manage a class, including how to teach a whole class, as those in other countries are taught. Teaching the basics from the start must be the overriding goal. This is

why we must not simply have league tables of teacher training institutions but a plan of action for improvement as well. This is not about embarrass-

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Blair's personal chaplain from Down Under

Tony Blair's Christian socialist mentor - and best mate - has returned to London. lan Hargreaves tracked him down for this exclusive interview in today's New Statesman

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of a philosophical position," he

says. "It means the individual

has no meaning except through

Unlikely setting. Unlikely man. The place is London N7, a quarter-mile to the west of Holloway prison, the same distance north from Pentonville. Walk ten minutes and you're at Tony Blair's house in Islington. We're in a small flat which sits above the St Francis Church of England Centre, a bland 60s-ish brick structure which provides a meeting place for Alcoholics Anonymous, a disabled kids' group and an Ethiopian church of Coptic Christians.

The man is Peter Thomson. 60, Australian, Anglican vicar. To the extent that he's famous, it is for having inspired the young Tony Blair at Oxford towards an idea of Christian socialism which continues to drive him. But those who know Thomson can tell you that he's famous for much else; he was booted out of one curacy in

It's not difficult to imagine him straying across the border to N1 to offer Tony a piece of his mind

Melbourne as a suspected communist and out of a second, in Cambridge, for setting up a scrap-metal business to create jobs in his parish. He has been headmaster of one of Australia's top private schools, Timbertop, and worked in the family estate agency. He's a farmer and has read the TV news on Anstralia's Channel 7. Now, suddenly, he's here, as Vicar of St Luke's Holloway, that is if the visa comes through OK.

So what is he doing in Holloway? "I was just waiting for something like this to come up," he says. "When Tony became leader, things started to happen. I was getting calls from London from people asking me about our relationship and it just became very exciting. I wanted to be part of it. It sparked me up. So I talked to Tony and said that if I came to England I would want to be what I am, not to work directly in the political are-

A few weeks ago, Blair called to say that he heard St Luke's was looking for a vicar and would Peter like to be interviewed. He combined the trip with a visit to his publisher, about a planned book with the working title Community, and

Thomson's journey is worth plotting, because it reveals a lot not just about where Tony Blair

found some of his most formative ideas, but because Thomson, like Blair himself, is still travelling. Although Blair takes care not to wear religion on his sleeve, there is no doubt that Christian socialism continues to inform and define his political Thomson's own journey began unremarkably enough, as an

impressionable 17-year-old who thought there must be a nobler thing to do than help run his father's estate agency. He went to theological college, a rather conservative one as it happens, but through a friend encoun-tered politics. It was the first step towards an engagement with liberation theology - that potent blend of Marx and the ospels which tore through Latin America and elsewhere in the 1970s, preaching a militant bias to the poor. "I had never been politically challenged before and it just blew my mind here was a basic rationale for faith that was not about personal salvation or being perfect. I could see there was a job to

Thomson also discovered the work of John Macmurray, a Scottish theologian who, in Thomson's view, grounded Christian thinking in action and human relationships. For Thomson, the argument is sum-marised in his favourite Macmurray quote: "All meaningful knowledge is for the sake of action, all meaningful action is for the sake of friendship."

It is not difficult to see why Blair, a curious observer rather than a member of the Oxford God Squad, was attracted to Thomson's blend of religion, politics, sport and riotous hilarity. "I remember the first time I met him in that Afghan coat," says Thomson, of Blair. "He wasn't particularly religious, but he was just alive. Tony had never heard theology spoken of in this way, but I had no idea just how deeply it had got to him."

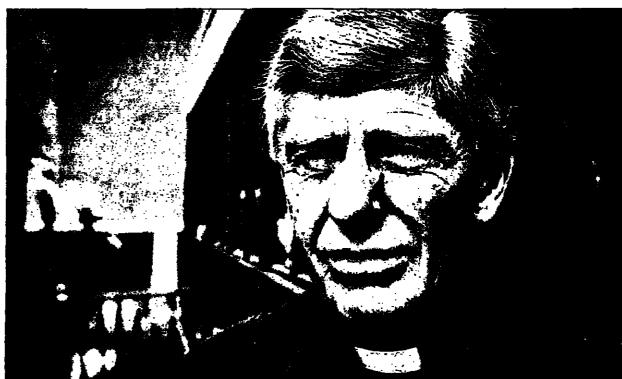
After two years at St John's, Oxford. Thomson returned to Australia and, eventually, to Timbertop. The connection with the Blairs became that of good family friends. The two families spent last Christmas together, at Thomson's 200-acre farm near Timbertop

So it is that Thomson finds himself in London, in the most testing year of Blair's life. "I want no role other than

friendship," he says. sue the individualist line only so long as you've got other people It's not entirely clear what that will mean. Partly, Thomson to exploit. The third world is sees himself as the older friend now close to the point where the Blair family needs as it you can't push it any more, heads towards Downing Street. whether on environmental is-It's not difficult to imagine him sues or whatever. straying across the border to N1 At the base of human relato offer Tony a piece of his mind

tionships, Thomson says, is the family - again a familiar Blair about the latest Shadow Cabinet battle. In a sense, he will be preoccupation. But here, there personal chaplain to the Blairs: something different. "The that's if a chaplain can also be best mate, which in Thomson's family is not an issue of kin and blood. That's part of it, but I'm talking about families which But will the two men agree exist because their members will about ideas, as they once so resit to be so, where people are onantly did at Oxford? In Thomson's view New Labour bound together by a sense of be-longing and love." has a coherent and vibrant

Three hours after I arrive, philosophical underpinning. "It Thomson is still going at it hammer and tong: politics, munity. The idea of communiethics, family genetics, history, and, when the tape recorder is ty represents the breakthrough off, gossip of a passionate sort. Tony Blair might have ditched the Afghan coat, but he hasn't relationships, so that it's in got rid of the bloke who keeps community that the maturing you up half the night bending your ear. process goes on. You can pur-



Peter Thomson: Famous for having inspired the young Tony Blair towards an idea of Christian socialism



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Jail drug tests bring rise in heroin abuse

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The Prison Service is investigating reports that prisoners are taking cocaine and heroin instead of cannabis in an attempt to heat drug tests.

The official inquiry follows claims from inmates, inspectors and guards, that the switch was taking place because traces of cannabis can remain in the bloodstream for up to a month, compared with a few days for the harder narcotics.

The latest claims about the trend towards harder drugs in jails are made today in a report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons.

The inspectorate visited Wayland Prison, a low-security category C jail in Norfolk, where they were told by inmates that heroin and crack cocaine use was increasing because of the mandatory tests.

Since March, all prisons in England and Wales have been testing for drugs. Ten per cent of the inmates are tested each

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month. Anyone who tests positive, or refuses to take a test. is punished with loss of privis and offered a place on a

rehabilitation unit. Wayland was one of the eight pilot prisons chosen for the introduction of mandatory drug-testing programme, which has gradually been introduced across the country since last July as part of a government antidrugs initiative.

the inmates tested prove positive. About 90 per cent took cannabis and the remainder a mixture of heroin, cocaine, amphetamines and tranquillisers. At Wayland, 36 per cent of the 523 prisoners tested were

On average, 36 per cent of

positive. Inmates told the inspectors that drugs remained in the urine for different periods: 30 days for chronic cannabis use and three days for opiates, such as heroin. Prisoners had told us that

they were aware of these periods, and the use of opiates and crack was therefore increasing," the report states.

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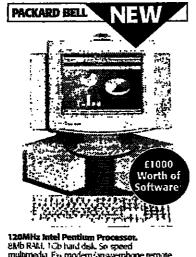
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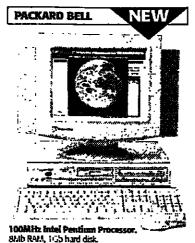
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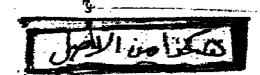
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Guardians of the Tower dig for moat's treasures



Digging has reached Victorian levels – and clay pipes

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

For the first time in 700 years, the Tower of London's moat is being excavated to determine what treasures lie buried be-

neath its innocent grassy surface. Every year 2.5 million visitors and tourists walk the drawbridge over the vast moat to enter the one of the world's most famous monuments. Few ponder on the waters which formerly lay beneath the walls.

Yet the moat was only filled in in the mid-19th century, by order of the Duke of Welling-ton. By then it had dwindled to a brackish ditch, partly thanks to the slops and rubbish thrown in over the centuries.

The infill work was carried out with Victorian precision, but the engineers did not investigate for archeological remains.

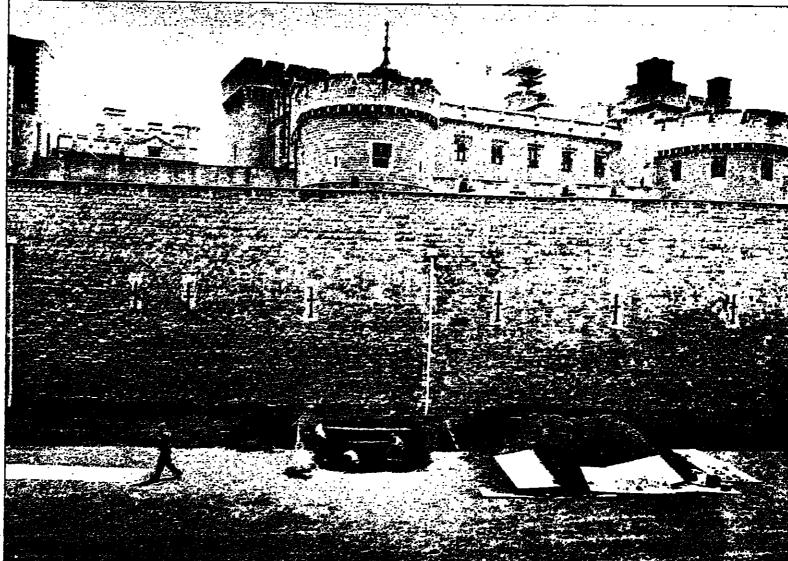
Last week experts began the first excavations since the Tow-

er was built in the 11th century, and the moat 200 years later. Initially, three evaluation trenches have been dug, but by the end of the summer 18 points in the most will have been in-

vestigated using remote sensors. The project is part of the Tow-er Environs Scheme, jointly run by the Historic Royal Palaces Agency, the London borough of Tower Hamlets, the Port of London Authority and Taylor Woodrow property company.

Last September the scheme was awarded £500,000 by the Heritage Lottery Fund after presenting a plan to improve the area surrounding the Tower and reflood the moat. As a result of the excavations the Historic Royal Palaces, which runs the Tower, will know by the end of the summer whether reflooding is possible. If so, it is hoped the

project is that archeologists will



In search of history: Archaeologists yesterday at one of the first three trenches dug in the moat of the

be able to unearth the moat's centuries-old treasure. Dr Simon Thurley, curator of the Historic Royal Palaces, said

clude swords, rifles, even canhave been regularly sluiced and nons, and jewellery. 'It's very uncertain what we cleaned. So it is reasonably unwill find, although one should likely we'll find much medieval

18th century the most would from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries," he said.

by barge via Traitor's Gate for execution at the Tower, their Dr Thurley added that while journey would only have ina parade of disgraced nobles, volved crossing six feet of water, remember that until the late stuff. It's more likely to come clergy and queens were brought across the moat.

Award for Take **That** writer

DAVID LISTER

Take That, hitherto the idols of the pubescent record buyers, came of age yesterday as their songwriter Gary Barlow was feted at the Ivor Novello Awards, the major international award

for popular music composers. The 25-year-old multi-millionaire singer-songwriter of the group, which split up earli-er this year, won the Most Performed Work Award and Best Selling Song Title for his in ternationally successful hit Back For Good".

Also victorious was Noc

Gallagher from Oasis, who shared the Songwriter of the Year title with arch-rivals Blur at the Grosvenor Park Hotel, London. Gallagher and singersongwriter Damon Albarn of Blur were not there to accept the awards from the lyricist Sir Tim Rice.

Also absent was the USbased singer Seal, who won the International Hit of the Year Award for "Kiss From a Rose".

Gallagher's snub amused Sir Tim, who said: "I am going to accept Noel's award and if he wants it he's bloody well going to have to come and get it.

However, many industry sources felt that Gallagher was right to resent the Ivor Novello Awards for involving an internationally respected award in the Blur/Oasis publicity

Photo failures expose tensions at royal college

ANGELA PHILLIPS

There will be four blank spaces on the wali when the Royal College of Art opens its centenary exhibition next week - representing a quarter of the photography course who have failed to satisfy the examiners.

Students are up in arms about an unprecedented number of failures and re-sits on this year's Master of Arts in Photography. In a dispute that seems to have its roots in the battle between art and craft traditions they have called for the resignation of the head of department and called into question the position of the external assessor, Michael Collins, a former Daily Telegraph picture editor.

A student, who preferred not to be named, said: "The suitability of the external assessor was raised last year with the head of department. He is a picture editor. We didn't believe that he would be able to judge fine art. The College Provost, Lord

Snowdon, responded diplomatically, saying: "All exams are open to pass and failure. You can't have exams if you have a rule that nobody fails. I speak as someone who failed my architecture exams." Two years ago, the depart-

ment moved out from under the wing of advertising photographer John Hedgecoe into the choppier waters of the fine art department. Conceptual artist/ photographer Peter Kennard was appointed senior lecturer. Students were told: "Our ad-

missions procedure is such that you were chosen as one of a team of photographers spanning a broad spectrum of ideas, interests and approaches - from reporters through to visionaries." Now some at the more visionary end of the spectrum are being told that their two years of hard work and financial sacrifice have been wasted. Zelda Cheatle, of the Zelda

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By Christopher Logue

Cheatle Gallery, which specialises in fine art photography, was invited by the college to give personal tutorials to all the students after their assessment. She was shocked at the marks which were apparently revised upwards during the examiners' meeting to prevent even more failures. "You do not fail students at the final hour, of the final assessments, after two years of diligent hard work," she said. "If their work wasn't up to standard they should have been warned. Yet Michael Collins

had actively supported and encouraged students at their preassessment. Personally, I would have passed all of them."

Lord Snowdon: 'All exams

Mr Collins insists that the decision to fail and refer students was arrived at collectively, but, the head of department, Michael Langford, who took over from Mr Hedgecoe two years ago, made it clear that be was "shocked and upset" by the unusual number of failures. Mr Kennard would say only: "I fully support my students."

Mr Langford could very easily be seen as a part of the old school of craft photographers. He is the author of a number

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of respected textbooks on the technical aspects of photography but he insists that the move towards fine art was welcomed

within the department. As for Mr Collins, he was so keen on the new direction tha he apparently applied for the job of senior lecturer himself. When he was pipped at the post by Mr Kennard, Mr Langford said: "I wondered whether the college felt he would be de-barred from continuing as the external assessor, but Michael was supportive of Peter Kennard coming here." Then he added; "Mind you, I don't know what the situation is at the moment."

Mr Collins declined to comment on individual staff members but seems to have changed his mind about the course itself He said: "All of the students have suffered because the course, and the faculty, are sub-standard. Traditionally the photography course rubber stamps MAs which is disrespectful to individual students and perpetuates an inadequate MA course." Ms Cheatle disagrees: "What

is good about the RCA course is the freedom and flexibility students have to create and every single year excellent students come out. Peter Kennard had done an amazingly good job in the short time he has been there. his influence is just beginning to filter through. The new group, which he has recruited, are an amazing bunch. The passion and enthusiasm he brings to the course is magnificent."

There will be a new assessor next year because Mr Collins has come to the end of his term. Mr Langford feels that the new assessor should be "someone with practical experience, as well as knowledge of art schools, who would empathise with the students", hastening to add, "not that that is a criticism of the existing one of course."

The students are awaiting the result of the appeal against

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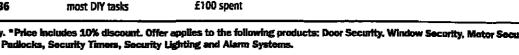


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Czech polls: Vaclav Klaus, a pragmatic right winger, is keeping his country on the free market path

Thatcher's man in Prague set for second term

ADRIAN BRIDGE

"What is the difference between God and Prime Minister Vaclay Klaus?" runs an old joke in Prague. "God does not believe he is Klaus."

Mr Klaus no doubt smiles whenever he hears it. Not a man given to belittling his own achievements, he likes to take much of the credit for what has undoubtedly been the great success story of the economic transition in the Czech Repub-

lic over the past six years.

Only slightly tongue in check. he saw lit last year to publish his own version of "The Ten Com-mandments" - the dos and don'ts of how to go about replacing clapped out-command economies with the free market.

He is now poised to do something even more miraculous: to halt the regional trend towards the return of former communists by becoming the first right- per cent, many Czechs agree.

and term of office.

According to opinion polls, Mr Klaus's Civic Democratic Party (ODS) is set to re-emerge as the largest party in the country's two-day general election beginning today. With the help of two similarly right-of-centre coalition partners, he should then be in a position to form the next government.

In a Czech variation of the You've never had it so good" theme, posters advertising the ODS cause depict 20, 50 and 100 crown notes being withdrawn from a wallet: testimony to the country's newly generated wealth and the strength of its

now fully convertible currency. "We've shown we can do it," runs the campaign slogan. And with economic growth set to reach 5 per cent this year, inflation down to 8 per cent and unemployment still below 3

wing politician from the former cast European bloc to win a sec-see around you," said Marie Formanova, a cook, pointing to the renovated buildings, brand name stores and commercial activity throughout central Prague. "I personally am not a great fan of Klaus - he is far too arrogant - but would all this have happened without him?"

For all his talk of hard-line monetarism - Mr Klaus makes no secret of his admiration for the former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher - he has made sure that Czechs have been spared some of the hardships of transition suffered elsewhere in the region.

Flying in the face of his own professed beliefs, Mr Klaus, an economist during the communist era, has kept unproffactories open, maintained rent controls and kept energy prices low. He has also caved in to wage demands from public sector workers. "Mr Klaus may describe him-

reality he is a pragmatist," said Jiri Pehe, research director at Prague's Open Media Research Institute. "He has shown that he can suspend the economic reform process if he sees it is threatening political stability. Hence the absence here of a

strong left-wing backlash."

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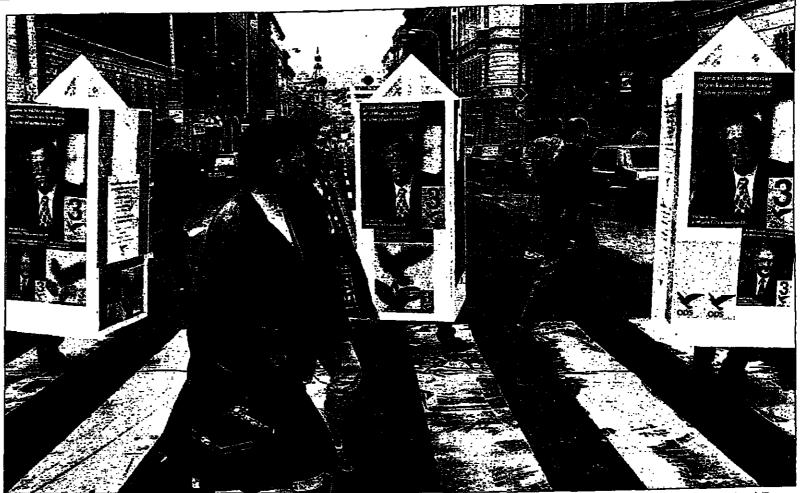
With the Prime Minister championing capitalism with a human face, the opposition Social Democrats (CSSD), have struggled to latch on to a cause - particularly as they do not disagree with the fundamental direction the country is taking. Much of their campaign bas centred on calls to stamp out the

corruption they say is prevalent among the current ruling elite. But while they would undoubtedly seek more emphasis on social policies, they would not reverse reforms or go back on the twin goals of Nato and European Union membership. Apart from the right-wing. anti-gypsy Republican Party,

the only real opposition to Mr Klaus comes from the communists, a party that clings tenaciously to much of its old ideology. But although polls show the communists can expect just over 11 per cent of the vote. most Czechs recoil with horror at the thought of the party.

Photograph: Petr Josek/Reuter

gion, there is no nostalgia for the communist regime here, said Mr Pehe. "In Hungary and Poland, the last years of communism saw real reforms Here, we had 1968 and then 20 years of darkness. Even if the communists here said they had reformed, Czechs would not



Crossing the divide: Advertising hoardings for the Czech Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus in a Prague street self as a Thatcherite but in

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

India's elections ended yesterday when Kashmiris voted in Srinagar. Security forces fired tear gas and warning shots to break up demonstrations by Kashmir Muslim militants who had urged a boycott of the polls. Officials said voter turnout was 37 per cent, but eyewitnesses contacted by the Independent in Srinagar claimed that in some neighbourhoods of the city, security forces used coercion to drive Kashmiris to the polling booths. Several Indian journalists said they were beaten with rifle butts by members of the Border Security Force while trying to stop an officer from dragging a woman out of her home.

Muslim separatists exploded six rockets and grenades around the troubled city to scare away voters. Caught between the intimidation of Indian security forces on one side and the threats of Muslim separatists on the other, many Kashmiris who went to the polls claimed they deliberately spoiled their ballots by voting for all candidates. Tim McGirk - New Delki

he bodies of seven French monks killed by their. kidnappers have been found in Algeria near the town where they were held, France's Foreign Ministry said. The Armed Islamic Group, known as the GIA, said last week it had beheaded the seven monks it kidnapped from their isolated monastery two months earlier because France. had refused to free jailed Algerian militants. More than 40,000 people have been killed in Algeria's civil

Three US Air Force commanders in Europe were relieved of duty as a result of an investigation of the jettiner crash in Croatia last month that killed the Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 34 others. The Air Force announced that Major General Charles Hellebower, commander of the 17th Air Force, has "lost his confidence in the ability" of the men. to "effectively discharge their responsibilities". The three are the top three officers of the 86th Airlift Wing, based at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. AP - Washington

Durma's military rulers stepped up denunciations of foreign interference in the country and continued verbal and written attacks on the democracy movement led by Aung San Suu Kyi. The government ran slogans in newspapers and as scrolling headlines on television, including "Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the state", "Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy" and "Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views",

Acommentary carried in all official newspapers renewed Ann attack on the Voice of America and BBC, both of which broadcast daily Burmese-language news programmes. Reuter - Rangoon

A German court said it had rejected the claim of a cat water who wanted the state to pay for the care of his pets while he was away at a health spa. Germans can claim back many expenses if their stay at a spa is prescribed by a doctor, but the government is trying to slash welfare spending by cutting down on such stays and obliging workers to take health cures in holiday time. Reuter - Berlin

The conviction of Heidi Fielss, the "Hollywood Madam", for pandering has been overturned by a state appeals court which ruled that jurors engaged in vote-swapping misconduct to avoid a deadlock. "The jurors involved in this misconduct committed a transgression worse than those with which Fielss was charged." Justice Reuben Ortega wrote for the three-judge panel. "Those jurors turned this serious proceeding into a farce." Ms Fleiss, 30, faced a three-year prison term over the pandering charges. AP - Hollywood

ABuddhist monk who murdered a British tourist, Joanne Masheder, from Cheshire, in December while she was visiting a temple, will have his death sentence commuted to life in prison as part of a mass royal reprieve for 70,000 convicts. The decree demonstrating royal mercy will be handed down on 9 June by King Bhumbol Adultadej as part of massive ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of his accession to the throne of Thailand. AP - Bangkok

In a dig at the Communists, Boris Yeltsin's supporters in south-castern Siberia are offering 1 million roubles (£130) for the person with the most Soviet-era ration coupons. Campaign organisers in Ulan Ude, capital of the Buryat republic, 2,500 miles south-east of Moscow, say they want to remind voters about how they lived when the Communists were in power. One of Mr Yeltsin's main campaign tactics is to frighten the electorate into voting for him as the best defence against the return of the Communists. AP - L'lan Ude

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The elections which gave the Democratic Party victory have been condemned by observers, writes Andrew Gumbel

Europe turns a blind eye to Albanian poll

European governments have decided to turn a blind eye to reports of systematic vote-rigging in Albania's general election and in effect endorse the overwhelming but almost certainly fraudulent victory claimed by President Sali Berisha and his Democratic Party.

The elections were boycotted by all but one opposition party and roundly condemned by international observers, the foreign media, and human rights groups. The chairman of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Swiss Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti, yesterday spoke of "seri-ous irregularities" and called for at least part of the election to

But EU diplomats contacted in Tirana made clear that their countries would accept the election results with little more than a flicker of reluctance, pre-ferring to safeguard their economic and strategic interests in Albania rather than speak out against abuses of human rights and due democratic process. "Things are on course to

continue. The second round of the election will take place on Sunday and the new parliament will assemble," one senior European diplomat said. "I don't think it would be helpful to do anything over-hasty. The Albanian people would not be served if we bring them turmoil, as we surely would if we criti-

cise this election." The diplomat sidestepped the criticisms aired by election observers, saying Éuropean governments would not react to the evidence of fraud until the OSCE published its final report in two weeks' time.

Many European countries,

notably Italy and Germany, but Britain too, have been uncritical admirers of Mr Berisha for the past four years despite clear signs of growing authoritarianism. In recent months it has become an ever more unholy alliance - Mr Berisha providing stability in his corner of the Balkans and slowly opening up foreign investment opportunities, and in return Europe doing nothing to stop him seizing control of the judiciary and cracking down on the opposiSuch indulgence has not been scarcely enough to right the shared by the United States, wrongs committed, but a geswhich started out as an active Berisha fan but has gradually become more ambivalent. Yesterday, according to diplomats, Washington was considering whether to pull the plug on some of its aid and co-operation projects in Albania. A decision expected next week.

According to opposition lead-ers and some foreign observers. it was Europe's support that em-boldened Mr Berisha into thinking he could get away with rigging the election. When the polling clearly went awry, and especially after police brutally broke up a peaceful opposition rally on Tuesday, European governments became acutely embarrassed and hinted that they might at last take some concrete action.

But that embarrassment appears to have faded with remarkable speed, helped by a presidential statement on Wednesday night promising to launch a full investigation into Tuesday's rally and ordering a re-run of the election in three constituencies where the manipulation was most blatant -

wrongs committed, but a ges-ture to save faces all round. An EU ambassador yesterday described the opposition as "irresponsible" for protesting against the election publicly and suggested everyone "take a deep breath and calm down". Britain's chief interests are in oil

and construction, "all reasons to be pro-Berisha", according to one non-UK diplomatic source. The failure of the international community to stand by democratic principles is having its effect on the ground. Albanians terrified by the presence of thugs with guns on the streets have not dared stage public protests of any great size, although there have been some clashes with police in opposition strongholds in the south.

Moreover, there are signs that Mr Berisha is planning to offer the opposition some extra seats in parliament, and that the op-position might accept. So far, 95 of the 140 seats have gone to the Democratic Party, five to the main opposition party, the Socialists, and two to the Ethnic Greeks, with 38 to be announced.

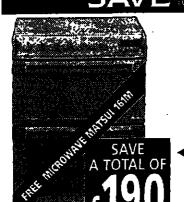


Riot police watch demonstrators in Skandberg Square, Tirana, who were demanding that this week's Albanian elections be re-run. The police later beat and injured several of the protesters

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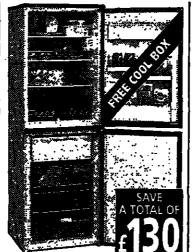
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Peking's firm friend launches bid to run HK

Hong Kong

Some Hong Kong people think he is mad, some think he's merely bad, while others see him as something of a genius. Few have a neutral view of Lo Tak-shing, 61, the first person to declare his candidature for the post of Chief Executive, or head of government, in the post-colonial administration.

Until recently, the hot money for the appointment had signs Mr Tung is getting cold feet. No sooner were these views made public than Mr Lo jumped into the breach, declaring the need for the Chief Executive to be a hard-liner who would be firm in carrying out the government's policies.

Few people doubt Mr Lo is a hard-liner. He has been among the most hawkish of the Chinese government's Hong Kong advisers and has established a weekly news magazine to spread his robust views on how to establish the new order. However, Chinese leaders may best remember him for the way he rushed to Peking after the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre to offer support.
His detractors describe Mr Lo

as a yes man. This claim is hard to substantiate, as became clear in the aftermath of the 1982 Sino-British negotiations, which led to the transfer of Hong Kong's sovereignty.

After the treaty ratifying the

deal was signed in 1984, Mr Lo walked out of the Executive Council, the Governor's cabinet, accusing Britain of betraying the people of Hong Kong. He even set up a company to provide cash for those wanting to emigrate.

Mr Lo then retreated briefly to the background, only to emerge with a passionate commitment to the incoming Chinese regime. His commitment is so absolute that he has acquired a Chinese passport in order to fully identify with the motherland. The fact that Hong Kong people are not supposed to carry Chinese passports has been brushed aside, even

was improperly acquired. The passport, like Mr Lo's been on the shipping magnate new found mastery of Man-Tung Chee-hwa, but there are darin, and his assiduous cultivation of Chinese leaders, are only the outward signs of his conversion.

though there are suggestions it

When China was first thinking about the post of Chief Executive, President Jiang Zemin said the new chief would have to enjoy mass support. Reports in Hong Kong say the Com-munist Party has circulated an internal document saying such support is no a longer a criteria: Peking wants someone who can get along with the business community and civil servants and who can be trusted by the central government.

But can Mr Lo be trusted? Wang Wenfang, a former senior Chinese official in Hong Kong, has publicly expressed serious doubts about Mr Lo, whom he accused of adopting "an un-orthodox and devious approach". In fact Mr Lo is not devious. He operates like a street fighter when tackling his enemies and, unlike them, is prepared to put himself under the spotlight to attract attention.

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Island tribe fights to stay alone

thropologist was recently approached by some woodcutters in the Andaman Islands who make amulets from the bones of tiger and deer for witchcraft. This time, they asked the anthropologist for a human bone.

Not any human bone would do. The woodsmen wanted a Jarawa bone. Smeared with mud and armed with bows and arrows, the Jarawa are fierce and almost invisible Stone Age tribesmen who stalk the Andaman rain forests. "The woodsmen think the Jarawa are powerful and strong people. and they wanted to use their bones for rituals," said Triloki Pandit, a retired director at the Anthropological Survey of India who has stripped himself naked - even removing his thick spectacles - and gone into the jungle to befriend the

These days, it is more likely that a Jarawa would end up with a trophy bone or two taken from woodcutter, if the Jarawa so desired. (But they don't. The only bones the Jarawas save are ancestors' lower mandibles. Strung together, they make a fetching necklace.)

Loggers who went into the larawa's leafy domain recently with armed forest wardens straved into an ambush. Suddenly they found themselves under attack by a war party of 100 Jarawa slinging arrows. Camouflaged, the Jarawa were practically invisible in the dense foliage. Forest wardens tried to drive them off with gunfire, but the Jarawa were undeterred. Two loggers were killed, pierced by arrows, and three wardens captured. Grabbing the same axes that the loggers had inTIm McGirk on the Jarawa, whose isolated life in the forests of the Andaman Islands is threatened by the timber industry

tended to use to fell the Jarawas' trees, the tribesmen then hacked off their captives' hands before vanishing into

The Jarawa are like cobras," explained Mr Pandit. "They'll only attack when threatened. It's not in their ethos to destroy. The Jarawa will only kill habitual intruders."

Samir Acharya of the Society for Andaman and Nicobar Ecology in Port Blair recalled an incident in which the Jarawa tracked an enemy to his village. "This was a notorious fellow who had gone and burnt down some Jarawa huts. The Jarawa went to his village, dragged him out and killed him. They could easily have murdered everyone in the village, but they didn't. They only wanted the man who'd done them

For more than 1,000 years, sea voyagers have given this is-land chain in the Bay of Bengal a wide berth because the Jarawa and the other Andaman tribesmen were thought to be cannibals. A ninth century Muslim wrote of the Andamanese: "Their feet are a cubit in length and they delighted in human flesh which they tore up almost like wild beasts and, ignorant of even the simplest form of cookery, devoured raw."

A later British traveller, embroidering on past sea legends, gave a sign of relief that the Andamanese were "too stupid" to build boats. "Otherwise, the natives might have lain in wait



Team work: The Jarawa's sense of social duty is so deep that anyone who violates it must leave Photograph: TN Pandit anyone who violates it must leave

prey, to supply themselves with stores of human flesh for the horrid banquet of blood in which it was their delight to indulge."

The British were the first outsiders to settle the Andaman Islands, arriving in the mid 19th century. They turned it into a penal colony for Indian mutineers, since its sharks and feared cannibals were the prefect deterrent for escaping con-

the Andaman tribes have become subdued, but the Jarawa and the Sentinelese have violently resisted attempts to colonise them.

Even though the Jarawa have not learned how to make fire (each family keeps their own coals smouldering in a hollow tree, safe from the tropical rains), they are not, as Mr Pandit says, "under the spell of our superior culture". He added, They're not over-awed by our

boats and gadgets. If they got hold of a gun, they'd probably break it up and make a knife out of the metal."

Stories of the tribesmen having a taste for human flesh are false, according to Mr Pandit who claims they are finicky caters. "There's no evidence of cannibalism. The British introduced spotted deer to the Andamans, and the Jarawa even refuse to eat that." Their favourite food is wild pig, honey and roasted monitor lizard

Mr Pandit and other anthropologists took more than a decade to make friends with the Jarawa, first by leaving gifts of coconuts, then by removing their clothes. They're intrigued by our obsession with covering our middles," Mr Pandit ex-plained. "They'll pin you down, take off your clothes, and then they'll have a good look and laugh at you."

The Jarawa are thought to have reached the Andamans over 2,000 years ago, possibly from Burma. They have evolved a complex social system without specialisation: there are no chiefs and no witchdoctors.

Yet, as Mr Pandit explained, "The awareness of social duty is so deep among the Jarawa that anyone who violates it must leave the group." There are no possessions and very rarely any cases of murder among the Jarawa.

Their hostility is directed against outsiders, and every tree that is felled in their forest is a threat to the Jarawa. Al-

though the Indian government has theoretically given the Jarawa 50 square miles of jungle on the South and Middle Andaman islands, ecologist Mr Acharva said loggers are destroying the Jarawa forests. "There is very large and permanent encroachment going on," he said.

Some hardwoods found in the Andaman forests are rare and exquisite; they adom Buckingham Palace. Although au-thorities put a limit of 100,000 cubic metres on timber that can be cut from the islands, nearly twice that amount is being logged, often illegally. The authorities also gouged a road through the Jarawa forest, which some officials later admitted was "a cardinal folly". Mr Acharya said, "Instead of undoing their mistake, the authorities are enlarging the road,

and repairing it."
Only a few hundred Jarawa are left, and the tribe is dwindling. These woodsmen, they must be killing the Jarawa sometimes in revenge, but we never hear of it," said Mr Pandit. A Jarawa boy was recently caught in a saw-toothed, steel trap hidden by poachers, and his foot was crushed. Authorities are debating whether to set the crippled tribal youth free again in the rain forest.

We know so little about the Jarawa. They laugh, they cry easily. They love their children. They share everything. But we don't even know what gods they worship or what they call them-selves," Mr Pandit said, "And the Jarawa know so little about us. They don't know that they're at our mercy, that any mistake we make in protecting them could lead to their destruction.

Zyuganov unveils his economic cure

PHIL REEVES

While much of Russia is still dazed by the gall of Boris Yeltsin's pre-election attempt to resolve the Chechen crisis, economists have turned to another highly touchy issue: what would happen to Russia's economy if the Communists took control of the Kremlin?

This week their economic plan was published, to be overshadowed by the Chechen easefire and then by Mr Yeltsin's trip to the republic while the rebel leader, Zeimkhan Yandarbivev was, in efect, held hostage in Moscow. But now the excitement has begun to fade and the economic

strategy of Gennady Zyuganov and his Communist-led National-Patriotic bloc is under fire from those who fear it will destroy the patchy achievements of Mr Yeltsin's economic reforms, notably a stable rouble forms, notably a stable rouble and falling inflation (1.6 per cent for May, according to govern-ment figures). The stock mar-ket may be booming but warnings abound of capital flight and plummeting foreign

The plan, "From destruction to creation, Russia's path into the 21st century", describes a three-stage strategy to revive the "catastrophic" economy, creating growth and increased social spending. It contains few of the red rags to the bullish reformers that some predicted. It talks of a "multi-layered economy" rather than a return to Soriet-style central planning or full-scale renationalisation. But there is protectionism

document envisages creation of a government of "national trust" which would lower some prices (such as oil, gas and transport for domestic indus-

tries) and invest directly in some sectors of the economy. Higher import tariffs would defend revived domestic industries, with measures to hait capital flight, guarantee savings, 'Communist

plan is totally unrealistic... where are they going to get the money from?'

and social programmes which would help boost spending. Consumer demand would also be stimulated by higher in-comes; the state would control strategic industries.

By the close of stage three of the plan in 2010 (echoes of Stalin's five-year plans), Russia would have turned to "post-industrial technologies".

The authors of the docu-

ment attribute their approach to diverse sources, including Keynes, Roosevelt's New Deal and Marx. There would be a "new role of the state in economic management", said Tatyana Koryagina, a former So-viet economist who worked on GosPlan, the USSR's notorious central plan.

The Communist bloc is hostile, though, to the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund, which this year loaned Russia \$10.2bn over three years, on condition it met strict economic conditions. Ms Koryagina has accused the IMF of "deliberately ruining the economy"; while Russia would pay its debts, it had no intention of depending further on foreign loans.

Roland Nash, an economist with the Russia-Europe Centre for Economic Policy, said the plan was "totally unrealistic ... where are they going to get the money from?

Andrei Illarionov, director of the Institute for Economic Analysis in Moscow, said: "It is as if the writers in the second half of the programme forgot what was written in the first half." The Communists' growth projections (8 to 9 per cent by 1998) would require double-digit investment and production rises over the next two years to come true.

However, he acknowledged similarities between Mr Yeltsin, who has moved increasingly towards Communist territory recently, and Mr Zyuganov. Both want increased funding for industry; both see a bigger role for

Nor is Mr Yeltsin in a position to complain about excessive social spending. Tax collection has plunged as the election approaches, yet he has been throwing money around on his campaign tour, making gifts of new libraries, health centres and holidays during his walkabouts.

Exactly how much more common ground is shared by the two opponents will soon be-come clearer; the President is expected to release his election



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UN tribunal begins Rwanda genocide trial

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The first people to be charged with involvement in the 1994 Rwandan genocide appeared petore an international tribunal in the north Tanzanian town of Arusha yesterday. Two years af-ter allegedly playing leading roles in the killing of up to 1 mil-

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lion minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus, two men sat before a judge and jury as charges against them were read out. A third is to appear in court today. All three were extradited from

Georges Rutaganda, 37, an agricultural engineer and busi-nessman in central Rwanda at the time of the genocide, plead-ed not guilty to eight counts of genocide and crimes against humanity. His indictment says he helped to kill a large number of Tutsis while men under his control also butchered members of Rwanda's ethnic minority.

A shareholder in a radio station which helped fuel the genocide, Mr Rutaganda was also a leading light in the Interahamwe (Those who fight together) militia that was at the forefront of the genocide.

His trial was adjourned to

October after his Belgian lawyer

2,000 Tutsis were murdered, has also pleaded not guilty to the charges against him.

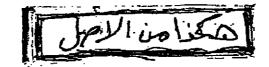
The indictment against him says he not only failed to speak out against the bloodshed but ordered and participated in

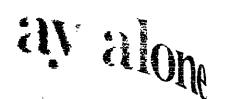
Paul Akayesu, who was chief au-

thority in a district where at least

many killings.
The United Nations International Tribunal for Rwanda has been criticised, particularby the Rwandan government, for being too slow. It has suffered from a lack of funding, a shortage of criminal investigators and poor co-operation from countries where suspects

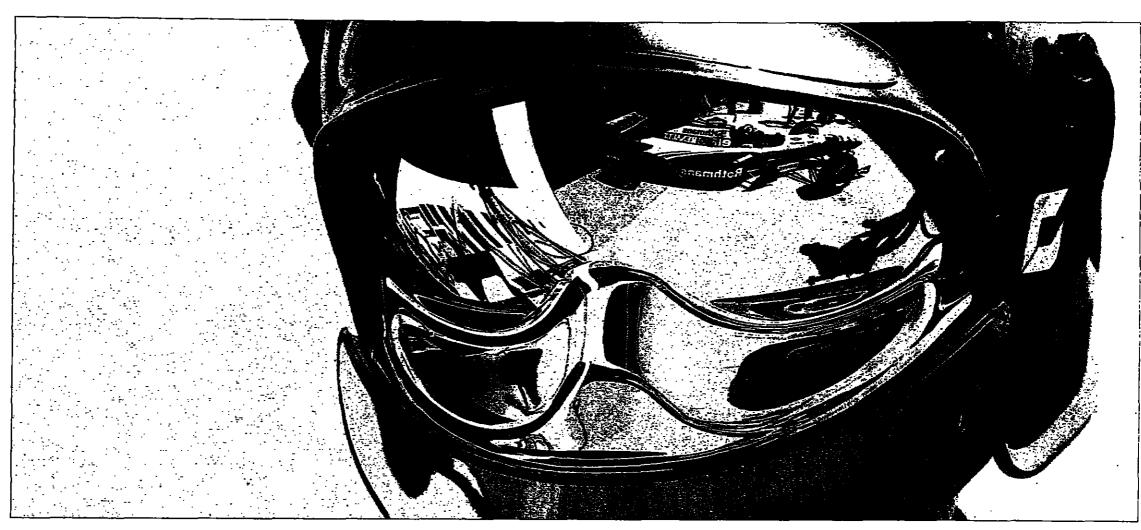
have sought refuge.
It has indicted only 10 suspects, mainly middle-ranking former officials. More than 70,000 Hutus accused of involvement in the 1994 genocide are languishing in overcrowded





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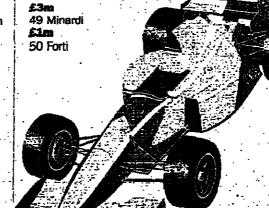
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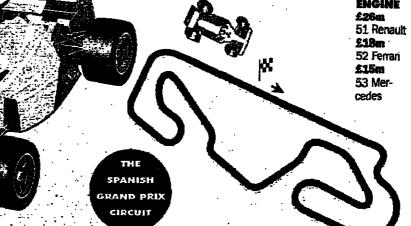
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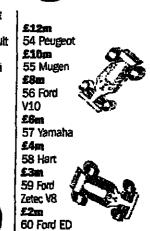
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Knife-edge vote leaves the world

Netanyahu on course to lead right to power

PATRICK COCKBURN Jerusalem

The turning point came at 2am. The early exit polls showed a lead for the Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, of a shade more than 1 per cent over Binvamin Netanyahu, the rightwing Likud leader. In the Labour headquarters in Tel Aviv young members of the par-ty waved their hands and chanted: "Hoo-ha, what happened,

In their headquarters depressed Likud supporters also believed "Bibi had blown it". One observer reported: "There is no clapping, a few of the young people at the back tried to shout 'Bibi, Bibi', but the politicians are standing at the



Peres: Called election too late

front with impassive faces. I can see a woman crying.

In the next few hours a number of Likud politicians may have permanently damaged their careers by premature crit-icism of Mr Netanyahu. "Do you think he should go home?" one Likud member of the Knesset was asked. "That's for him to decide," replied the politician. At the same moment some of Israel's better-known columnists were writing Mr Netanyahu's obituary.

Then Israeli television chan- a triumphant night. The Arab

forecast poll, saying that Mr Peres and Mr Netanyahu were running neck and neck at 50 per cent each. It said a transfer of power was quite possible. The pollsters blamed the ultra-Orthodox for misleading their pollsters. In the neighbourhood from which Yigal Amir, the as-sassin of Yitzhak Rabin, comes, there was a blanket refusal to take part in exit polls.

Israel gradually began to realise Mr Netanyahu might have won after all. Out of 3.9 million votes he has a lead of only 20,0(k) and the postal votes of 154,000 soldiers, hospital patients, seamen, prisoners and diplomats have still not been counted

Soldiers are much the biggest group and they have traditionally voted for the right. Leah Rabin, the widow of the murdered prime minister, said: I am looking at where I keep my suitcases, and I feel like packing my bags, and flying away from here as quickly as possible. In my opinion, if a mistake was made, it was that not enough use was made of the terrible murder."

Many Labour supporters will agree. Mr Peres did not call an lection after the murder, or use the wave of revulsion against the right. He seemed determined to win an election on his own merits. With the polls in his favour, he called an election six months early, but then saw his popularity plummet as four sui-cide bombers killed 59 people in Jerusalem, Ashkelon and Tel Aviv. In the final television debate last Sunday, which may have determined the outcome, Mr Netanyahu asked why Israelis "were afraid of letting their children ride on a bus".

What will Mr Netanyahu do now? He will have little difficulty forming a government. Although Likud lost seats he has potential allies in the newly emergent Russian immigrant party of Natan Sharansky and the religious parties, which had



Facing defeat: A downcast Labour supporter with a poster of Mr Peres being consoled at party headquarters after hearing Netanyahu was in the lead

Photograph: AF

portance change was the strengthening of the right in the Knesset. At the same time, the extreme right, notably the Molodet party, which advo-cates expelling the Palestinians, did less well.

Mr Netanyahu's programme is well known. He is against the Oslo accords but will not reverse them. He will not evacuate Hebron, the Palestinian city in which Israeli settlers live. He will close Orient House, the Palestinians' political headquarters in

He says he will insist that the Palestinians "live up to their obligations" under Oslo. He has called for a reconvening of the Madrid conference of 1991, attended by Israel the Palestinians, Syria and Jordan. He says he will not talk to the Palestinians about the future of

It is doubtful if Mr Netanyahu will go much farther at this stage. He may even try to show that he does not want confrontation with the Palestinians by allowing them to resume

working in Israel. Palestinian political leaders are aghast at what has happened, but this is partly a result of their earlier over-optimism.

Even if Mr Peres had won, he would not have had the majority in the Knesset he needed to move to the next, and most contentious, stage of the Oslo process. He would have been accused of relying on Arab votes. One of his supporters said yesterday: "He would have needed a brigade of bodyguards

Mr Netanyahu has two scores to settle after the election. The first is with the Israeli Arabs who voted largely for Mr Peres.

They might have put him into the lead, but for the Israeli bombardment of Lebanon. According to one report, they cast about 80,000 blank ballot papers in the election for the prime minister, which would have been enough to save Mr Peres. If this turns out to be true then he will have paid high price for Operation Grapes of Wrath

Netanyahu to settle is with President Bill Clinton, who made little effort to conceal his preference for Mr Peres. It is possible that Mr Netanyahu will covertly try to persuade American Jews to withdraw support for Mr Clinton in his re-

The second score for Mr

election bid in November. On the other hand, Mr Netanyahu will probably not want to start a feud with the US in which he will lose more than he can gain. Mr Netanyahu has pledged nilla movement, since the not to give up the Golan bombardment in April.

Soldiers' votes

serious negotiations with Syria over a full peace treaty, though he says that he wants to normalise relations. One of the problems which Mr Netanyahu will face on tak-

Heights. This rules out any

ing power was underlined yesterday when two Israeli soldiers were killed and five wounded by a roadside bomb in southern Lebanon. They were the first Israeli soldiers to be killed Hizbollah, the Lebanese guer rilla movement, since the Israeli

nel one announced a new parties did well, but the most im-Hamas and settlers breathe sigh of relief

STEPHANIE NOLEN

"Hamas is happy about this. And no one else cares," Ossama Naimonch, 22 unemployed and cynical far beyond his years, gestures down his crowded street in this Israeli-occupied West

Bank city. You will meet a few people here who support Hamas and who are glad today because they think this will be the end of cooperation between Israel and the Palestinians. The end of the peace process.

same thing for us. Neither of tightened closure was placed on them is ever going to do any-

In Hebron and elsewhere in

the West Bank, the news of Binyamin Netanyahu's victory in the Israeli election was met largely with a lack of interest from the people who might be thought to have most to lose.

"There are Israeli settlers living in our town, there is a closure so no one can work, our land is being taken to build more roads for the settlers. and all of this happened under a Labour Government," said Mohammed Abu Samouneh, "But most people – well, Peres, Netanyahu, they are the to his job inside Israel since a the Palestinian territories,

attacks three months ago. "What do we care if there is Labour or Likud? Things never get better here."

His neighbour, Faisal Abu Eyshe, said Mr Netanyahu might be an improvement from a Palestinian perspective.

"Netanyahu tells the truth, we know where we stand with him. He speaks straight, not like Peres, who talks about peace and then keeps building settle-

Mr Abu Eyshe, also an outof-work labourer, speculated that a Likud government might ease the closure, because "they understand capitalism, better

thing for Hebron, or for the following a string of suicide and they know it is better for them if we are working in

The only people in Hebron who displayed much emotion about the election results were 200 Israeli settlers who live, heavily guarded, in the heart of

> nally it has proven that we are not just 40 families, living here, but we represent all the Jewish people," said Shani Horowitz.
> "We were against Rabin, against Peres, against the Oslo peace process, against giving away Hebron, and now, thank God, we have a leader elected by the Jewish vote who will keep

It is the implications of this in this peace process in the next Jewish vote which are significant for Palestinians, says political analyst Ghassan Khatib.

The apathy with which West Bankers greeted the election result is only to be expected: what can people imagine worse than this closure? How in practical terms could Mr Ne-"We're ecstatic, because fitanyahu's government be worse for Palestinians than Labour has

> But Mr Khatib, who was part of the Palestinian delegation to both the Washington and Madrid peace talks, said that the election results have worrying long-term implications for

"The possibility of progress

four years is much less than over

the previous four years," he said. He noted that Likud may postpone indefinitely the implementation of already delayed parts of the Israeli/PLO peace deal, such as military withdrawal from Hebron. Any compromise on the issue of Jerusalem looks unlikely.

"The worst news for us is not that Netanyahu won and Peres lost. It's that the results show a political shift in Jewish Israel to the right, to the extreme right, to hard-line politics. It shows Israel is a country of people who want to have their cake and eat it, a country not politically mature enough for peace."

still to be counted STEPHANIE NOLEN

Who are they, these 154,000 people whose votes remain uncounted in the painfully close Israeli election, where Binyamin Netanhayu's lead now stands at

Prisoners, patients and soldiers - none of them likely to save Shimon Peres.

The bulk of those votes are from soldiers, stationed away from their homes, in Lebanon for example," one Israeli source explained. The exact number of soldiers' votes is not released. for security reasons. But, the source added: "It's worth noting that the army generally votes to the right of the general population.

Among the few thousand ballots of prisoners awaiting counting is, presumably, that of Yigal Amir, sentenced to life for the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, last November.

The rest of the ballots come from a few thousand people hospitalised on voting day, from 200 sailors, and from "a few thousand" Israelis working overseas, as diplomats and representatives of Israeli industries But the race is not yet over. Israel has a conscript army, randomly recruited, and their voting habits may be split, just like the nation itself.



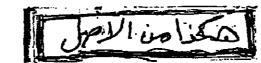
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uncertain of prospect for peace



US vows that Oslo Rivals 'two faces of process will continue same Zionist coin'

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Biting back its disappointment at the apparent upset victory of the Likud leader. Binyamin Netanyahu, in Wednesday's Israeli election, the United States yesterday vowed to press ahead with its search for peace in the Middle East, irrespective of who forms the new government in Jerusalem.

"Our policy will remain the same," President Bill Clinton said in a first reaction to the growing likelihood that the Labour party will be ousted from office. "If Israel is prepared to take risks for peace, we will do our best to reduce the risks and increase the security of those who do that."

Indeed, Mr Clinton noted that it was a Likud prime minister, Menachem Begin, who set in motion the peace process, inviting then Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to address the Knesset in 1977, and two years later signing a peace treaty with Egypt, the first with one of

Israel's Arab neighbours. The President also claimed to

detect some softening of Mr Netanyahu's hardline approach at US-sponsored peace process. have to wait and see," he told reporters, but whatever the result, the US would continue its support for "the people of Israel and the process of peace".

Even so, a Netanyahu victory. implying renewed Jewish settlements on the West Bank and an uncompromising stance on the return of the Golan Heights to

the close of the campaign. "We For that reason, the Clinton For the first time in half a cen-would be better for the Palesadministration had delivered everything short of a formal endorsement of Mr Peres.

So close will be the result, officials here say, that whoever wins will not be able to claim a

tury, Arab readers were treated to massive press coverage of an Israeli election.

The Palestinian press showed some division along Israeli political lines. Elsewhere, reactions were more confused.

An editorial in the Gaza-

victory with Binyamin Ne- Israeli Arab voters "to side tanyahu as Prime Minister with the peace camp". tinians since his policy would inevitably lead to "international isolation of Israel and pressures from the United States similar to the pressures that isolated

(the last Likud prime minister (itzhak) Shamir". But the majority of Palestin-

ian papers quoted the Palestine leader Yasser Arafat's call for

is no different from Netanyahu." said a leader in the Qatari daily Al-Orouba, "they are two faces of the same Zionist coin". Israel's partners in the peace process, who are bracing them-

elves to deal with Mr Netanyahu, had a more guarded reaction. "Policies, not personalities, would decide the fate of the

comment of Jihad El Khazen, ed-

itor of Al-Haya. "[Shimon] Peres

Middle East peace process," said a commentary on Cairo radio. The Jordanian paper Al-Rai said what mattered was the next Israeli government's commit-

ment to continue the peace talks,

regardless of the election results.

Qana, so Qana doomed Peres' The Arabs view Netanyahu's

Peres doomed

victory with despondency and even fear, writes Robert Fisk Back in the Sixties, they made a film about the superpowers' attempt to prevent planet Earth colliding with the sun. Based

the paper's printers setting two front page headlines. One said "World Saved". The other announced: "World Doomed." Like the rest of us, the Arabs were led to believe that only the re-election of Mr Peres, Nobel Peace Prize winner and instigator of the bloody Operation Grapes of Wrath, could bring peace to the Middle East. The election of Mr Netanyahu meant "World Doomed". And that is bow it must have felt for Messrs Arafat and Muharak and King Hussein when they

around the newsroom of the old

Daily Express, it ended with

moved from its axis and all those who had been cajoled or builied into the American-Israeli peace process found their world spinning out of control, moving inexorably into a far more dangerous trajectory.

What was supposed to have

woke up yesterday morning. Suddenly, the Middle East had

been signed, sealed and delivered on the White House lawn turned out to be just another piece of paper.
Such was the degree of cynicism towards the peace process

that many Arabs responded yesterday with little more than despondency. "The West told us that we had to make peace with Israel," a Lebanese journalist remarked, "We were ordered to sign up for peace - or else. So the Arabs signed up for peace and then Israel held an election. And now we're told 'tough luck the Israelis can change the

rules'. No doubt we'll be told to trust America again while being In much of the Arab press forced to make more concesnews gave way to commentary. Commentators accused Israel But the fruits of the Israeli of aggression, and took a cynielection are going to produce cal view of the election as a dimore than sarcasm. As Subeil Natoor put it in his dingy Palesversion from the suffering of the Palestinians, "Today, the Arabs timian 'Democratic Front' office study, examine and discuss the in Beirut's Mar Elias camo Israeli election results, as if there yesterday, Mr Netanyahu's vicwas a difference between Likud tory could prove literally exand Labour consideration of plosive. "Those Arab regimes who made the agreement with Arab lives," was the scornful

Israel - Egypt, Jordan, the PLO

- are cornered; they have to ex-

plain the fruits of this illusory

peace to their people. How can they do that? And those other regimes who hurried under the American umbrella to make ties with Israel - Qutar, Oman, Tunisia - and who jumped to give cards to Mr Peres, they find it's worth nothing. Arafat? He is finished. I can say that in Lebanon because

Arafat cannot arrest me here. Nor could Syria's silence vesterday dispel fears that a rightwing Israeli government which believes that "Arabs understand force" will try to steamfoller Syria into peace at any price - even

war. For weeks, Washington's commentators have been telling their readers and President Clinton that Syria must be brought to heel.

"No troublemaker is more widely cultivated than President Assad," Stephen Rosenfeld wrote in the Washington Fost. Syria is now a muchreduced power that remains

ready to play the spoiler but seems unprepared for the heavy political lifting at home that it would take to fit it out for a



Arafat: Signed up for peace

Syria, it seems, is a "terrorist" state obstinately refusing peace because it wants the return of all of the Israelioccupied Golan Heights. Even Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan has been beating his tin drum, warning of pressures that may be brought to bear on Syria.

And it does not take much nagination to see how a new Israeli-American alliance could be engineered to isolate Syria, to attack "terrorist" camps inside Syria's frontiers. There are those, like the Lebanese journalist Jihad Zein, who believe there are "Likudists" among the Arab nations - he has named Syria and Saudi Arabia – which would in reality be harmy to see four years of Netanyahu rule because they are not yet ready for normalisation with Israel. But this is more an attempt to deal with the "world doomed" headline than with political reality.

As another Lebanese writer observed, "the lie of the 'peace process has been stripped away by Netanyahu's victory. Now we [will] find out how the Americans tell their people that Israel doesn't want its peace any more. And be sure of one thing: they will blame the Arabs."

At least one Lebanese exprisoner of the Israelis, Jamal Mahroum, speculated that it was the Qana massacre - which revolted so many Israeli Arabs - that lost Shimon Peres his vital votes, "Peres doomed Qana, so Qana doorned Peres," he said

mandate. But relations between the US and Israel are bound to worsen at least in the short term. based Palestinian daily Al-Hayif it is the Likud leader. at Al-Jadidah, said a Likud

for the process of peace, and our cial Democrats. policy will be the same. If Israel is prepared to take risks for peace,

that.' President Bill Clinton.

Whatever the results, the United ing-for Israel, for the Middle East more complex but we are not in States will continue its policy of and for the whole world. Gunter a panic. Hanan Ashrawi, a support for the people of Israel, for Verhougen, for eign-affairs member of the Palestinian Legthe democratic process there and spokesman for the German So-islative Council.

Business as usual, says Clinton

The Zionist regime is expansionwe are determined to do our best ist and supports massacres by nato reduce the risks and increase ture. Changing this regime's pawns the security of those who do does not result in so much change. Peace and occupation contradict in (its) policies." Tehran radio

A political catastrophe is in the off- The situation is going to be a bit daily.

"Regardless of who will head Israel's government after the elections, the new Israeli leader should learn lessons of the past five years. each other and could never meet. Al-Baath, the official Syrian

ustoli con vou serve best?

Work smarter not just harder



Jeremy Sinden

Jeremy Sinden was a chip off cally, but psychologically. You discipline and earnestness the old block: a bit of a buffoon; could watch that visage for an able comedian; a stylish farceur; and a man of the theatre who did not disdain the bold touch, the emphatic gesture, and a sense of timing which took enough account of the audience sometimes to seem to outstare it.

This relish for the stage was in the blood. As Donald Sinden's elder son, Jeremy might have been tempted to take anrisk of "oderous" comparisons was obvious. Certainly his parents, both actors, both aware of the ups and downs of the player's life, saw no reason for him to join their profession.

But young Jeremy wasn't going to be put off. He had seen glimpses of the good theatrical life – or rather the film star's life. for his father made a name in films long before the theatre and would have a go.

That he should come to resemble his father in both looks and acting style, sharing a temperamental exuberance and a taste for the theatrical stance. was perhaps not surprising. What did surprise young Jeremy's well-wishers was that he showed every sign of becoming a player of quality in his own

It is true that father and son also shared a mannerism of gazing at the house as if to watch for its reaction rather than trusting to it. Like his father, Jeremy Sinden was accused more than once of playing to the audience rather than playing

his part. Nevertheless, young Jeremy. though showing no signs of the paternal range as either a co-median or tragedian, could sometimes be far funnier in his own right. This was perhaps owing to that rare ability to conceal his awareness that he was meant to be funny.

In other words he could keep a straight face not only physisigns of inner amusement, for hints that he was also enjoying himself and they never, in my experience, came.

Behind the corpulent figure. the strong, dark eyes, the in-nocent glare, the huge head, and the tendency to strut about self-importantly was not the least intimation that we ought to giggle.
There are straight faces and

other theatrical tack since the straight faces in the theatre, and Jeremy Sinden knew how to keep his straighter than most. Never more so, of course, than as the absurdly vainglorious Toad in Jeremy Sams's recent revival of Alan Bennett's version of The Wind in the Willows (Old Vic. 1996). One has seen Toads of the

old, self-preening sort prancing about the stage without making any kind of contact with the audience because they were trying so hard to raise laughter and had not Sinden's blessed capacity to seem so free of selfawareness. Others have been merely sympathetic or childish or content to be jeered at; but Sinden's Toad almost touched the art in being ruled by his own shameless nature. He had no idea why we laughed.

There was not a trace of patronage in the performance or of condescension to the children. Sinden relished the character, not just the role; and we were bound to relish the performance in turn.

Two years ago at the National Theatre he had also been the making (I believe) of a revival of Shaw's The Devil's Disciple. Sinden played Major Swindon. You forget the part? It seldom makes enough impression for people to talk about: but as that absurdly conscientious and inefficient soldier in the courtmartial scenc opposite Daniel Massey's General Burgoyne, the actor came into his bombastic own, with gusto, polish,

which proclaimed him a firstclass character actor. The courtmartial scene became worth seeing for itself alone.

There had been proof a couple of decades earlier of a natural-seeming talent for representing officers and gentlemen and seoundrels at the engaging English best. In a 69 Theatre Company revival from Manchester of R.C. Sherriff's famous slice of trench-life in the Great War, Journey's End (Mermaid and Cambridge, 1972), Sinden got his first West End part. It was Private Broughton. Imperfect casting perhaps for a former public school boy, but before the run ended he got the chance to play Captain Stanhope (Laurence Olivier's old role in the original Sunday try-out).

This taught him perhaps how little he really knew about emotional acting. At any rate, though he found himself in the leading role, it had been agreed that he would go (at last) to drama school; and so he went.

His love of the stage (financed as for so many actors by television appearances) came out most forcibly in the 1980s when he and his wife - the actress Delia Lindsay - formed a classical touring company which revived, with some success, Wilde's An Ideal Husband. This reached the Westminster

Theatre with Sinden, foppish enough, in what was seen as the Oscar Wilde role of Lord Goring and the young Mrs Sinden as the adventuress Lady Cheveley. It was not a highly-rated revival, but while Sinden's supercilious manner had a way of getting up some critics' noses and the enterprise smacked of the actor-manager's tendency to find fat parts for himself, there was no doubt about the stage presence of this Goring, espe-cially when viewed as Wilde getting his own back on society. Even the most sceptical re-



viewer conceded that the actor "ambles in a convincing, plump languor, a stranger to high emotion and quite at ease on a stage where few others are". Another critic saw in Sinden's acting "touches of Simon Callow and Rowan Atkinson ... but he made the part memorably his own."

It was characteristic of a most serious-minded young actor (is that why he could be so funny?) and first-born of a well-known theatrical fam-

joyed) he ducked the chance of

Instead he headed straight for the tented theatre at Pitlochry to learn the ropes as a deputy assistant stage manager, lowli-est of theatrical appointments. After two seasons of spear-

carrying at Stratford-on-Avon (1970-71) where Papa was doing some of his very best work, came stints in pantomime and rep (Bournemouth, Farnham, Leatherhead, Windsor). Then a season at Chichester (where ily that after leaving Lancing father was again doing fine College (which he greatly enwork, this time in Ibsen's An En-

emy of the People) and a tour of cinema (Star Wars, Chariots of The Mating Game and The Fire, Let Him Have It, Ascen-Chiltern Hundreds.

It was all good experience but was it good enough? On the grounds that it is never too late to learn from instruction as well as experience, Sinden went in his twenties for three years to the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art where he gained the Forsyth award. Not that such awards bring immediate stardom, but there-

airs and amusing graces.
As "Boy" Mulcaster in
Brideshead Revisited (1981) after young Sinden gave every sign of developing into an ac-tor to be taken seriously. The Emmy award; and, the life-belt died London 29 May 1996.

for many a struggling actor, the voice-over, and Talking Books, especially Wodehouse's Blandings novels, came to the

Other West End credits included Follow the Star (Westminster), Lady Harry (Savoy), The Gypsy Princess (Sadler's Wells) and Semi-Monde (Roy-alty, 1988).

Jeremy Sinden, actor: born London 14 June 1950; married 1978 Delia Lindsay (two daughters);

Teresa, Lady Rothschild

Tess Rothschild was as much a Cambridge figure as her hushand Victor, the scientist and head of Edward Heath's "Think Tank". She was born a Mayor. Three of her ancestors were Fellows of St John's and her father was a great-nephew of the philosopher John Grote. He was Senior Classic, a Fellow of King's and (like her husband, her brother and son-in-law) an Apostle. Her aunt Flora (F.M. Mayor) was a novelist, the author of The Rector's Daughter. while her mother, a playwright. Beatrice Webb was an aunt.

Brought up in progressive circles, she was sent to Bedales, where she became head girl (a) distinction which delighted her devoted friend Arthur Marshall, the connoisseur of schoolgirl novels). At Newnham she was the most celebrated actress of her day at a time when women had just been invited to perform in the ADC and the Marlowe Society. Indeed she seemed scarcely ever to be off the boards even in the vacations. Nothing pleased her more in old age than to recount the triumphs and comicalities of these amateur productions.

Some of her left-wing friends considered her mastery of the dialectic to be inadequate: to her great relief she was not pressed to join the Communist Party. During the Second World War she worked for M15 and became assistant to Victor Rothschild, in anti-sabotage operations. His first marriage had ended, and in 1946 they married.

For 15 years they lived at Merton Hall on the Backs and then, when St John's College bought the house, they were granted a lease to build a house on Herschel Road where their children grew up. The eldest. Emma, held academic posts at MIT and Paris before being elected a Fellow of King's; the second daughter, Victoria, became a lecturer at Queen Mary College. London: and her son, Amschel, entered N.M. Rothschild & Sons.

and serenc - though beneath the surface she was always anxious. Anxious to please Victor and smooth his life. But if she was self-effacing she had a life of her own. She was a trustee of the Arts Theatre in Cambridge and before that a JP. Chairman of the Bench, lecturer and she sat on Home Office boards about penal reform. when she was the first woman to read a lesson at the Christ-

world. Clothes, jewels, smart parties meant nothing to her. but at whatever cost to her nerves she was hostess to the great and the good, French cousins and Israeli politicians and scientists that Victor brought into her life. What was central to her was family and friends - she was particularly close to her brother Andreas. The most intimate friends were Dadie Rylands whom she cosseted in his nineties; the Nobel Prizeman and Master of Trinity, Alan Hodgkin, and his enchanting American wife: the Labour life peers Pat Llewelyn-Davies and Nora David; and at Oxford Aline Berlin and Stuart Hampshire, an old colleague from MI5 days. The beaming face of welcome as she greeted

thusiastic in her advice if, as al-

She was a beauty, appealing

Victor was particularly proud mas Eve carol service at King's.

those dear to her has now vanished into the night.

Noël Annan Tess Rothschild was an early friend of the Independent, writes James Fergusson. She saw immediately the possibilities of the new newspaper, and was en-



Rothschild: not of the beau monde

ways, tentative in its delivery. She wryly enjoyed playing the game of matching obituarist to subject, but was down-to-earth on questions such as where the television listings should be sited. Editors ignore these

tor that her own peculiar virtues often went unrecognised. She was, those who knew said, as intelligent as he was, but she was diffident and submissive where he could be ferocious and assertive; and where he had a deliberate charm and the extraordinary confidence of his name and wealth she had a gentleness and an open curiosity which endeared her as a friend

ω many. Her curiosity extended to ries of her youth and working

her grandchildren, to whom she was devoted. She viewed them with amiable puzzlement, as though they were animals in the wild. She was not sure what they might do next, but she was keen to watch and see. The questions at their peril.

Tess lived so long in the shadow of the formidable Vicon a play for her at the drop of hat, she found particularly

pleasing. An 80th birthday for others might have been the occasion for a large party. Instead she spent hers last year quietly in Suffolk with two of her children and was horrified by having to blow out candles on a cake. She was teased then into some rare confessions of autobiography, about her childhood and Bedales, about the Bloomsber-

1872; Charles Greeley Abbot, as-

trophysicist, 1872; Helen Waddell,

for Jonathan Cape before the war, about entering Paris (as a member of the counterintelligence group, she was one of the first women to do so) with the Allied forces after the

Photograph: Cecil Beaton

liberation. Victor Rothschild records in one of his books the step-by-step dismantling of a bomb masquerading as a crate of onions. ess herself was appointed MBE for throwing a bomb off a bridge. But she didn't tell that

Teresa Georgina Mayor, wartime intelligence officer: born London 10 September 1915; married 1946 Victor, third Baron Rothschild (died 1990; one son, two daughters, and one son deceased); died London 29 May

Professor Sidney Greenbaum

dancy, Woodford in Madame

Souzatska, The Object of Beau-

ty, The Innocent) and television

(The Expert, Crossroads, Soldiers

Talking Cleanly, Brideshead Re-

visited, Fortunes of War, The Far

Pavilions, Mountbatten, Trainer,

Middlemarch, and lately, Our Friends in the North) began to

appreciate his mildly pompous

Sidney Greenbaum did not achieve his three score years and ten, but he achieved much else in a varied and rather unorthodox career. Yet that last phrase seems distinctly ill-chosen, for if there was anything invariant in his life, it was his strictly observant devotion to orthodox Judaism, to the Jewish community wherever he lived, and beyond that to the state of Israel where he regularly visited his only brother Ayram, to whom and to whose family he was deeply attached. Devotion also to the anand a scholarly interest, as befitted one whose first degrees were a London BA and MA in Hebrew and Aramaic.

Already holding a Hebrew teaching diploma, to which was subsequently added a minister's diploma from Jews' College, London, and a teaching diploma from the Institute of Education, he was exceptionally well-qualified for the career in schoolteaching on which he embarked. This was at the Hasmonean Boys School in Hendon, but - as he said in an interview for the Jewish Chronicle earlier this year - "the scope for teaching modern Hebrew at that time - the mid-1950s - was very limited", so he added the teaching of English to his repertoire, made the more convincing by simultaneously studying at Birkbeck College for an Honours English degree.

Perhaps it was this second BA that stimulated an interest in medieval studies, resulting in his coming to see me at University College London in 1964 to discuss a projected medieval research topic. In the event, his visit caused a switch of interest to modern English syntax, and his appointment to a research assistantship on the Survey of English Usage, a project that has existed since 1959 for the purpose of describing presentday English grammar.

The consequent loss to sec-ondary education and medieval studies was offset by the notable book, Studies in English Adverbial Usage (1969), that grew out of the PhD thesis on which he had speedily engaged. This work was based on an innovative psycholinguistic methodology which he and I then pursued in a fruitful collaboration that lasted more than two decades: the happiest years, I suspect, of his entire life (cerwhich he took both a religious loving that one somewhat mis-sed in his last decade). It was a collaboration that survived his departure from London for a series of appointments: in Israel, in Oregon, and in Milwaukee (Wisconsin) - this last rewarded, years later, by an honorary doctorate.

He returned to Britain in 1983 to succeed me both as Quain Professor and as Director of the Survey. His interest in elicitation and psycholinguistics was now quite suddenly replaced by an equally single-minded immersion in computational technology as applied to the study of corpus material. As well as converting the Survey of English Usage corpus into machine-readable form (and writing copiously the while such books as A College Grammar of English and most recently The Oxford English Grammar), he set about organising numerous matching corpora illustrating the various kinds of English in use through-out the world. At the time of his shockingly sudden death, he was just seeing through the press a book entitled Comparing English Worldwide, shortly to be published by Oxford University Press and comprising chapters written by many from among the international band of scholars he had enlisted.



Quiet, mild and equable in temperament, Sidney (or Salman) Greenbaum was not a man one could be confident of really knowing. For all his love of entertaining, not least at the Reform Club, membership of which gave him enormous pleasure, he was a decidedly private man, rather ill at ease socially, with a sometimes brusque manner which may have been directed at concealing the shy, perhaps lonely, perhaps even unhappy man within. If so, all the more commendable his achievements, all the more treasured the memory of his generous hospitality by those who thought of themselves as his

Randolph Quirk

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Sidney Greenbaum, English language scholar: born London 31 December 1929; Quain Professor of English Language and Literature, University College London 1983-90, Director of the Survey of English Usage, 1983-96, Dean of the Faculty of Arts 1988-90, Visiting Professor 🦸 1991-96; books include: Studies in English Adverbial Usage 1969; (jointly) A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language 1985; The Oxford English Grammar 1996; died Moscow 28 May 1996.

Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

BIRTUS

GIBB: On 24 May 1996, at the Rose Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Sarah and Alisair, a datelater, Megan

VADASZ: To Natasha (new Shepley) and Tony, on 24 May 1996, a daughter Polyann: Elizabeth.

DEATHS

NELLES: Makolm Kenyon, died 2 May in Ottawa, beloved husband of Sheila, father of son Stephen, daugh-ters Celia and Kate, son-in-law Paul zad two grandsons.

SELSEY: Rosamond. Peacefully at Ashley Court Nursing Home, Edin-burgh, on 29 May 1996, Rosamond, widow of Gino, mother of Francesea and Nicholas, grandmother of Clare. Isabel, James and Richard, Funeral service in Warriston Crematorium Closser Chapel on Wednesday 5 June at 2.15pm.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. A. O. Graba and Miss S. E. H. Learmond The engagement is announced be-

tween Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robin Graham, of Stretton-on-Fosse, Gloucestershire, and Sophie. daughter of LI-Cdr P.A. Learmond (Retired), of Conford, Hampshire, and of Mrs April Edwards, of Lon-

Birthdays

Prince Rainier III of Moraco, 73; Sir Francis Avery Jones, gastro-enterologist, 86; Miss Lynda Bellingham, actress, 48; Sir Derek Buley. former Vice-Chancellor, Ulster University, 70; Maj-Gen Keith Burch, former Director Personnel, Defence Staff, Ministry of Defence, 65; Sir John Daniel, Vice-Chancellor, Open University, 54; Mr Clint Eastwood, actor, 66: Admiral Sir James Eberle, former Director, Royal Institute of International Affairs, 69: Rear-Admiral Peter Gibson, 83; Mr Andrew Grima, jeweller, 75; Sir Ronald Hampel, chairman, ICL 64: Air Marshal Sir Valston Hancock, 89; Miss

50; Mr John Prescott MP, 58; Sir Michael Sandberg, banker, 69; Sir Neil Shaw, chairman. Tate and Lyle, 67; Sir William Taylor, Chairman of Convocation, London University, 66; Sir Michael Turner, High Court judge, n5: Vice Admiral Sir George Vallings, 64; Mr Terry Waite, former Archbishop of Canterbury's Adviser on Anglican Communion Affairs, 57: Mr Peter Winterbottom, rugby

Anniversaries Births: Alexander Cruden, compiler of the Concordance of the Holy Scriptures; 1701; Johann Ludwig Fieck, poet, novelist and entic, 1773 John Jackson, portrait painter, 1778. Edouard Marie Ernest Deldevez, conductor and composer, 1817; William Worrall Mayo, physician, 1819; Walt Whitman, author and poet, 1819; Alphonse-Marie de Neuville, painter, 1836; Henry Sidgwick, philosopher, 1838; Frits Hartvigson, pianist and teacher, 1841; Will Hicok Low, artist and writer, 1853; Pope Pius (Achille Ratti) XI, 1857: Professor Graham Wal-las, economist, 1858; Walter Richard Sickert, painter, 1860; Sir Francis Edunghusband, empkarer. 1863: William Heath Robinson, illustrator,

poet and scholar, 1889; Florence Desmond (Dawson), actress, 1905; Don Ameche (Dominic Felix Ami-ci), actor, 1908: Judith Wright, author and poet, 1915. Deaths: Tintorello (Jacopo Robusti), painter, 1594; Franz Joseph Haydn, composer, 1809; Jean Lannes, Duc de Monte-bello, soldier, Marshal of the First Empire, 1809; Evariste Galois, mathematician, 1832; William Smith, abolitionist and emancipator, 1835; Joseph Grimaldi, comic actor and clown, 1837; George Green, mathematician and physicist, 1841: Eliza-beth Blackwell, physician (the first woman doctor), 1910; John White Alexander, painter, 1915; Reinhard Heydrich, Nazi "protector" of Bohemia and Moravia, assassinated 1942; Adolf Eichmann, Nazi war criminal, banged, 1962; Jack Dempsey, heavyweight boxer, 1983. On this day: Samuel Pepys discontinued writing his diary because of falling eyesight, 1669; in France, the Reign of Terror began, 1793; Rossini's opera The Thieving Magnic was first performed, Milan, 1817; the universal right to vote was abolished in France, 1850; the trans-Siberian rail-

way was begun, 1891; the Peace of

Boer War, 1902; during the American Civil War, the Battle of Fair Oaks started, 1862; at Johnston, Penns vania, a great flood occurred with the loss of 2,200 lives, 1859; the Union of South Africa was formed from Cape Colony, Natal, the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, 1910; the White Star liner Titanic was launched at Belfast, 1911; the airman Harry George Hawker reached a record height of 11.450 feet. 1913; the Naval Battle of Jutland began, 1916; the Daily Chronicle and the Daily News coased separate publication and became the News Chronicle, 1930; it Germany, the Gothic, or Black Letter printing type, was officially abandoned in favour of the Roman character, 1941; the Volga-Don Canal was opened, 1952; the Union of South Africa became a republic, 1961; an earthquake shook Yungay, Huascaran, Peru, when about 18,000 people lost their lives, 1970. Today the Feast Day of Saints Cantius, Cantianus, Cantianella and Protus, St Mechtildis of Edelstetten and St

Lectures

National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis, "Creative Copies (v): Claude and Tate Gallery: Lesley Stevenson, "Still but not Silent".10m.

Dinners Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators

Dr Ian Perry, Master, Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators presided at the annual Livery Dinner held yesterday at Fishmongers' Hall, London EC4. Maj Gen Simon Lytle, former Director of Army Aviation, also

General Dental Council Mrs R.M.J. Hopplewhite has been appointed Chief Executive and Registrar of the General Dental Council in succession to Mr Norman Davies, who has retired.

University appointments Dr J.G. Cowpe, to the Chair in Oral Surgery, Bristol University, Dr T.R. Hirst, to a Chair in Micro-biology at Bristol University. Dr R.E. Hawkins, to the Chair of Oncology at Bristol University. Dr R. Bradford, to be Professor of Literary Language and Theory, UlDr S. J. Connolly, to be Professor of Irish History, Ulster University.

Wills

Joyce Elizabeth Mary, Countess Fitzwilliam, of Milton Hall, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, widow of the 10th Earl Fitzwilliam, left estate valued at £25,232,890 net. Mr Geoffrey John Eustace Jameson. of London SW10, managing director of Justerini Brooks 1968-85, left es-

tate valued at £761,072 net. Mr Arthur Leslie Norman English, of Farnborough, Hampshire, left estate valued at £162.391 net.

Synagogue services

Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 8.53pm.

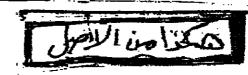
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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen opens the new Library of Building of the National Library of Wales at Abervstwyth, The Duke of Ed-Wates at Aberystwyth, The Duke of Ed-inburgh, Honorary Fellow, visits the Chartered Institute of Building, En-glemere, Kings Ride, Ascot, Berkshire. The Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Oucen, holds an Investiture at Buck-ingham Palace; and, as Patron, Foun-dation and Friends of the Royal Butanic Garden. Kom Immethat the new Mil-Gardens, Kew, launches the new Mil-lennium Seed Bank Appeal at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey. The Princess Royal, Patron, the Basic Skills Agency, attends the Developo-ment Support in Action at County Hall. Chester: as Patron, visits the Home Farm frust's House, Laurelston, Silverne Drive, Whithy, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire: as Patron, National Autistic Society, opens Warral Autistic Society's new premises at 12F.Racburn Avenue, Bromborough, Merseyside, and visit their premises at 134 Aliport Road, Bromborough, Wirral, Merseyside, The Duchess of Kent presents Churchill Medallions on behalf of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust at Guildhall.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavaby Mou

iment mounts the Queen's Life Gueed at Horse Guards, 11am; 1st Ballation Welsh Guards mounts the Oucen's Guard, at Bucklagham Patace, 11.30am, band provided by the



the leader page

An A for bravery, but Blunkett must do more

ach generation forms deep loves and hates for the schools and teachers it amount school sc teachers it grew up with, and then inflicts its reaction on the next generation. Perhaps this is a crude but effective explanation for the pendulum swings that bedevil education policy.

A motley gathering of intelligent and idealistic young men and women, who had grown up in the restrictive school environments of the 1940s and 1950s, began themselves to take over the teaching of a new generation in the 1960s and 1970s. They instinctively and understandably abhorred the chalkscraping, restrictive life they had themselves suffered, in which too many begowned and mortar-boarded teachers monotonously confronted grumpy and bored children, who had been separated at the age of 11 by a divisive examination. They refused to view those two-by-two ranks as greyly uniform (and greyly uniformed) minds, all ready for authoritarian rote-feeding. Instead, they believed, their duty was to uncork the bubbling love of learning naturally lying at the child's brimming core. And from that well-spring of inborn curiosity, knowledge and understanding would inexorably bloom.

Their view was not a particularly party political one, even though, in practice, it was usually associated with the left. But it was the fancy of the time, Fuelled avidly by the psychologists, sociologists and pedagogues who most our universities and teaching training colleges imbibed prospective teachers with an ideology which we call, for shorthand, "child-centred".

It all started honestly and innocently, as a programme for modernisation and reform, but it has ended in tears. Not the tears of the authoritarian right, which rails against progressive methods, about which we need care little - but the real tears of failed children, especially less educationally privileged ones, who have tripped off to secondary school with barely the tools to complete a coherent written paragraph, or to divide two numbers in their head.

Sometimes, over the past two decades or so, it has seemed as if teachers were the only people incapable of recognising the simple truth that too many children were being failed early in life by a schooling system that did not teach them basic and vital skills. Everyone else could see it, why not them?

Then, increasingly over the past decade, teachers began to accept the new, common-sensible wisdom - that a mixture of one-to-one teaching and front-of-class instruction made better sense than leaving children to try to find everything out for themselves. Quite why it took so long for the profession to recognise that teaching requires more structure than it was being given is hard to fathom, since it is obvious to any suc-



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cessful parent that nothing creates greater alarm and emotional chaos in a young child than an absence of structure and discipline, purpose and routine in their daily lives. Confusion is no frame of mind for learning, any more than

monotonic tedium. But the main reason it has taken so long is that this message to teachers has been wrapped around a nasty barb. They have been vilified, and their professionalism belittled, in the same breath in which they have been invited to accept that their teacher trainers and advisers sold them short.

For that reason, it was brave of

David Blunkett, the shadow education spokesman, to stand up in front of the largest headteacher union (comprising mostly primary heads), and tell them that he, a Labour spokesman, agreed that it was time to stop the damage being wrought by outdated child-centred ideologies, and to recognise that the most important task for primary schools is to provide children with the basic tools necessary to move on to more sophisticated learning.

No amount of child-centred or oneto-one learning is going to work unless the child is able to talk and write fluently, and manipulate numbers without

undue agony or inhibiting fear. Yes, ers. On that score, bluntly, too many children now need to be prepared for a lifetime of flexible working, in which all kinds of other skills may become even more important than spelling, or adding up. Yes, there are calculators and spelicheckers that can do most of the "basics" for them. But learning the basics is not just about mechanical skills - it is about having the confidence to hold your own, and to do it without having to ask a computer. The confident, as always, will succeed, because they will be able to ask the computer to do another, more complex task; the confused, and uncertain, will always fall behind, and the new, flexible world will be all the more frightening for them because they never quite felt footsure

on the first rung. Mr Blunkett is genuinely motivated by a desire to lift that less advantaged and less confident body of children up the scale of educational achievement, for their good, and for our own. Having taken yesterday's step, he now needs to take the next step, which is to

improve the quality of teachers. It should be obvious to anyone who has been concerned about education over the past decade and a half that too much of the argument has been about administration, and not enough about how we help teachers to be better at teaching. Good teachers need to be sure enough of their own skills and knowledge to be able to impart them to othprimary teachers simply do not know enough about maths or science to teach the subjects properly. In reality, most of them already recognise that reading and writing are core skills, and devote most of their time to those skills in the early years. But they too often spend too lit-

tle time on the other "basic" skills. Mr Blunkett has spoken an important truth. He needs to show how teachers will be equipped and motivated to deliver it.

Let's hear it for wimps

Wimpism: it's one of the most potent political ideas of the 1990s and it has taken the Suffragan Bishop of Hull, the Rt Rev James Jones, to spot it. Bishop Jones has identified the almost complete collapse in male confidence in parts of the country as one of our greatest afflictions. Down trodden Coronation Street characters such as Jack Duckworth exemplify the trend. The Bishop wants men like this to explore their feelings, as thousands of born-again Christians do regularly in America. But are we really ready for the innermost thoughts of ranks of Jack Duckworths? Perish the thought. Please Bishop Jones, handle with care.

*LETTERS TO THE EDITOR *

Facts about milk and phthalates

Sir: Charles Arthur's article "Three countries ban chemicals at centre of baby milk alert" (29 May) has added to the misinformation surrounding this issue.

Evidence that phthalates are "xenoestrogens" is much weaker than Mr Arthur suggests. There is as yet no agreed test method for screening chemicals for their oestrogenic potential. Tests currently in use have produced widely differing, often conflicting results. No phthalates have yet been proven to be oestrogenic.

Phthalates are not used in PVC

food packaging or wrapping manufactured in the UK. It is not true to say that Sweden has decided to phase out the use of PVC. No such decision has been taken. It is true that the government has asked the Swedish Environmental Protection Board and the Swedish Chemical Inspectorate to undertake studies on PVC to be

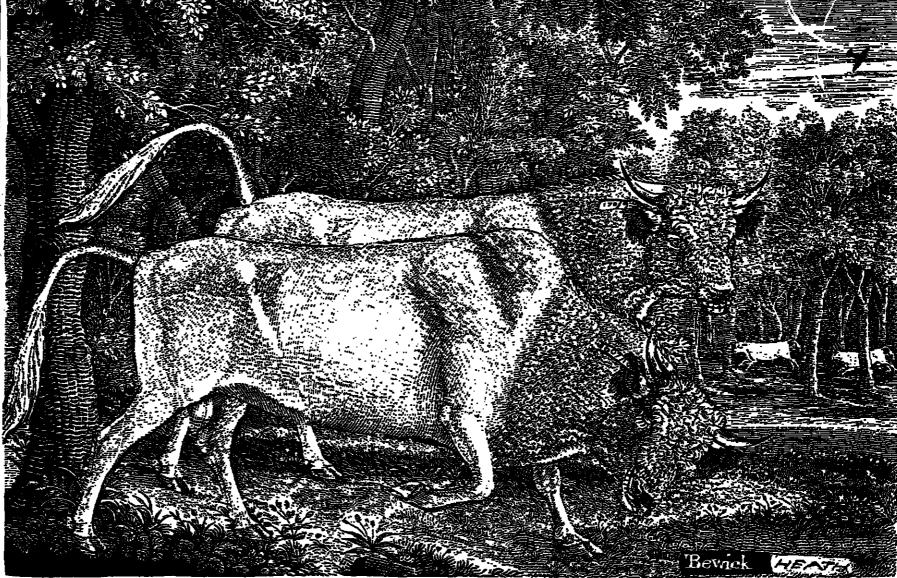
completed by the end of June 1996. Nor is the picture of the German market accurate. While it is true that some local authorities have taken steps to limit PVC, this was solely due to strong campaigning by pressure groups. The vast majority of municipalities have never had any limitation against PVC and indeed the trend has been for local authorities to rescind earlier limitations once they had become acquainted with the scientific basis of PVC's use.

Finally the Swedish government has not banned phthalates. The study published by the Danish Environmental Protection Agency did not arrive at any firm conclusions, nor was it intended to. and the government has not taken any action based on the report. As phthalates are readily photodegradable and biodegradable they are highly unlikely to persist in

Similarly, in Germany, no governmental agency has taken any action against phthalates. Where in the limited number of cases PVC was restricted, the motivation was to prevent its use in construction applications. A large proportion of these are in rigid PVC which does not make use of any plasticiser, phthalate or otherwise. PHILIP K LAW Issues Director The British Plastics Federation London EC2

Sir. You report that other countries, notably Sweden, Denmark and Germany, are taking precautionary action to phase out PVC. So are many local and regional governments and communities abroad, as well as retailers and businesses. These precautionary steps are being taken because the problems with PVC go well beyond phthalates in baby milk.

Phthalates are found in baby milk (and in biscuits, parmesar cheese, gravy granules, chocolate cakes etc) because they are widespread in the environment and, now, in the food chain. Phthalates are produced almost entirely - 95 per cent according to the chemical industry - for use in PVC. Dioxins, also significant "gender benders" as well as suspected carcinogens, are also produced with PVC. Virtually all PVC can be replaced by PVC-free alternatives already in use. Stop pastucing and using PVC and 95 perfects of phthalates entering the environment can be stopped. Obviously, removal of



'Grazing in this beautiful meadow, on a glorious summer's afternoon, vou'd never know there was a war on'

contaminants from baby milk is essential (letter, 29 May), but unfortunately this will not happen while PVC is still being produced. SARAH J BURTON Campaign Director, Greenpeace UK London N1

Sir: It is hardly surprising that there has been such an emotional reaction to the Government's disclosure that significant quantities of phthalates have been found in baby formula milks ("Cover-up claim in baby milk chemicals row", 27 May).

For years the health industry has sought to persuade people to adopt a responsible lifestyle by the blatant use of scare tactics, to the extent that we now feel guilt if we fail to have our cervical smears, mammograms or serum cholesterols undertaken. We anticipate an early and painful death if we smoke, eat saturated fats or take too little exercise.

Now, in the highly emotive area of bottle feeding babies, we are told that we might just be poisoning their future sexual potential, but that we must not worry as the risk is so very small. Really, the health industry cannot have it both ways. Dr WILLIAM A HART

Brough, East Yorkshire Sir. The furore over phthalates in milk highlights the fundamental problems arising when scientific issues have public importance. The reluctance of government officials to release more details suggests they are worried the public will not be able to assess the evidence. Whether or not this is true, it is a timely reminder that every citizen these days is faced

with public issues of increasing technical and scientific complexity good archbishop It is vital for the public

understanding of science to continue to improve and one factor in ensuring this is to maintain a healthy science research base. In this context Tom Wilkie's article (28 May) makes depressing reading. He points out that the government funded research and development planned for next year is £31m per week less than in 1985. Scientific underfunding will inevitably lead to scientific illiteracy.

Dr WN CATFORD Department of Physics University of Surrey

Sir: Diane Coyle (27 May) denigrates breastfeeding as too inconvenient for the working mother. If mothers are to breastfeed, it is the responsibility of government and employers to support and facilitate this by providing adequate maternity eave and/or a combination of workplace creches and flexible breastfeeding breaks. Instead we are given the conflicting messages that although the Department of Health would like us to breastfeed for a year, the Department of Social Security is willing to allow us only 18 weeks statutory paid maternity leave, and we have no legal right to breastfeeding breaks during working hours. It is this ludicrous contradiction which forces mothers to make a difficult and unnecessary choice between career or breastfeeding. IMOGEN COOPER Pitsford, Northamptonshire

Dr Carey is a

Sir: Paul Vallely's article (29 May) "Simple preacher tries on a pontiff's robes" misrepresents the Archbishop of Canterbury. The picture he paints bears no resemblance to the Archbishop with whom I frequently travel, and have grown to respect enormously in the time I have worked with him

Like his predecessor, he has no pretensions to a papal position in the Anglican Communion. He is well aware he has no jurisdiction outside England, except in Sri Lanka, Bermuda and the Falkland Islands. More often he has to resist the high expectations which other provinces place upon him.

The Archbishop only travels to dioceses and provinces which invite him. These invitations pile up here in large numbers from the more "democratic" provinces such as the US, Canada and Australia. The Archbishop has restricted the number of overseas visits he makes because of his beavy responsibilities in this country.

Dr Carey is often at his strongest when he meets heads of state and other significant leaders. He has a rare ability to speaksimply, sensitively and clearly to very varied audiences. This should not be confused with lack of rigour or intellectual ability. The standing ovations he received from an extraordinarily wide variety of audiences in the US last week belie the accusations made in Mr Vallely's article. Comparisons between Dr Runcie

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and Dr Carey are pointless. Surely the valid questions are "Was Dr Runcie a good archbishop?" and
"Is Dr Carey a good archbishop?" From my experience worldwide, the answer to both questions is undoubtedly "Yes!"

The Revd CANON ANDREW DEUCHAR Lambeth Palace London SE1

The writer is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Secretary for Anglican Communion Affairs

Education reform

Sir: I was interested in the comments of Andrew Belsey (Letters, 24 May), suggesting that Labour's proposed reform of with a 20 year repayment system, ignored older graduates.

Our proposals specifically spelt out that repayment was income contingent. If retirement income fell below the repayment threshold, it followed that an older person would not have to continue paying into their seventies.

The present system offers no loans beyond the age of fifty. In order to assist older students, we are also asking the Dearing Committee to examine whether individual learning accounts could be used to save for university maintenance costs as well as for training and learning programmes DAVID BLUNKETT MP (Sheffield Brightside, Lab) House of Commons

Honest debate about pay needed

Sir: Last week Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, rejected an incomes policy out of hand (report. 22 May). This will not curtail debate on pay - "fat cat" scandals and speculation about a minimum wage will see to that.

But there is an urgent need for a full discussion of the challenges raised by pay issues. The implications of a minimum wage for differentials, the reaction in the public sector after years of restraint, and the breaking of the link between pay and performance at executive level (a different kind of differentials exercise) all

demand serious attention. Employees, employers and their representatives need to start considering how past mistakes could be avoided in the context of a new government. The current overshoot of the public sector borrowing requirement underlines how difficult it will be to hold

down public spending. It is more than 17 years since the 5 per cent pay round of 1978-79 collapsed, heralding the Winter of Discontent. Now relevant parties seem determined once again to take up opposing positions in public before repeating old mistakes. If an honest, grown-up debate about pay does not take place soon, between all interested players, we will be quoting again the line about history taking place the first time as tragedy and the second time as farce. STEFAN STERN The Industrial Society

Solidarity with Turkish writers

Sir: We, the 98 undersigned, hereby declare our solidarity with the 98 Turkish writers and intellectuals who, on 31 May 1996, will be standing trial in Turkey for exercising their inalicnable rights to freedom of thought and expression by contributing to the book Freedom of Thought in Turkey which was published last year. JULIAN BARNES, Sir ISAIAH BERLIN, Lady RACHEL BILLINGTON. MARGARET DRABBLE, MARGARET FORSTER, Lady ANTONIA FRASER, VICTORIA GLENDINNING, DAVID HOLMAN, MICHAEL HOLROYD. DORIS LESSING, Professor DAVID LODGE, JESSICA MANN, IAN MCEWAN, HAROLD PINTER JOSEPHINE PULLEIN-THOMPSON. MARY WESLEY, TIMOTHY WEST and International PEN

Dr Who touched by Midas

London SW3

Sir: When the American production group was asked to film Doctor Who they probably were at a loss as to who this peculiarly arcane English eccentricity was. To remedy this they, probably, half-heartedly watched a few episodes to give them an inkling of the plot. As I sat through the feature length episode ("Dr Who has been exterminated", 29 May), I had to ask myself the very same question.

Once again the Americans have ised their Midas touch on an original, inventive British masterpiece and created an overthe-top Batmanesque, nightmare. "Bring back the cardboard Daleks and Cybermen or we'll sanction Disney films" should be the threat of the Heritage Ministry. Yes. Let's form a Doctor Who War

Cabinet" before it is too late. Why, at a time like this, the British government should regard Europe as an enemy of our interests remains a mystery to me. DEREK CRAWTHORNE

"Dalek Appreciation Society"

Sir: I could not disagree more with Serena Mackesy's criticisms of *Doctor Who* (TV review, 28 May). As someone who saw every episode on the day of its original screening, even delaying departure on honeymoon so as not to miss one. I thoroughly enjoyed the latest incarnation.

Does everything that claims "Britishness" have to be quaint. quirky and amateur? Is that now to be the excuse for a lack of professionalism that has dogged this country? It was a very worthy successor and it was a pleasure to see it given the production values and funding that it has always deserved. I enjoyed every minute -

more please! MARK UNSWORTH

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Chariot rage

Sir. Even the Greeks were not first (Letters, 29 May). In 2 Kings 9:20, we hear that "The driving is like the driving of Jehu son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously"! Chariot rage?

The Rev IAN S PARTRIDGE Parish of the Barkwith Group East Barkwith, Lincolnshire

and Goldense

You have been silent too long about racism in Britain

Rita, my friend in the North, once a proud equal opportunities officer, now a management con-sultant with a flash red smile and BMW, informs me that these days it is passe to bring up the cause of racial equality. Mention it in polite company, she warns, and "Nobody will invite you round again. It's yes-terday's talk."

Less fashion-conscious critics make more serious denunciations. Many genuinely believe race equality initiatives are a distraction, or that they are divisive and destructive. Martin Mears, the elected president of the Law Society, describes antidiscrimination measures as "corrupt and debased". Leo McKinstry, once an obscure local Labour councillor, has been inflated into a commentator not because he can write but because he can rant against race equality measures.

This month, the Express newspapers launched, with undue enthusiasm. The End of Racism, by the American academic Dinesh Desouza (from Goa) who argues that segregation was good for African Americans and that anti-racists cause more damage than racists by making excuses for inept. violent and anti-social blacks. At a public meeting, a black British journalist who agreed with him proclaimed: Blacks need to get off their backsides and stop complaining. Many ambitious black and Asian individuals would echo this view.

A top Asian television executive claims that racism is not a problem but that "race wallahs" need to keep up the myth that it is. When Birmingham Council equality units were "downsized" in February this year, punters wrote joyful letters to the local newspaper.

Government ministers such as Ann Widdecombe tirelessly propagate the heartening message that we are much better at "race relations" than those xenophobic French and Germans. White liberals - some close friends of mine, who once simply loved going to anti-apartheid rallies - have had enough, they say, of this special pleading and endless culnability. The upbeat 1990s are about And if things are so bad, how come that hardworking Trevor McDonald has made it, eh?

It is 20 years since the Race Relations Act. The Commission for Racial Equality has just had its budget cut. Is this because the problems the CRE was designed to deal

'Facing the rage of thirdgeneration black and Asian Britons who cannot claim their place in this society, influential whites and blacks have abdicated their responsibility to lead.'

Yasmin Alibhai-Brown

demands action

is 19 per cent, more than dou-

ble that for white people. One

in six young black men in Lon-

don is unemployed. More of

them are in prison than in

ity civil servant above grade 5,

one national newspaper columnist, no editors, hardly any pro-

fessors, judges, hospital con-

sultants or business board

members. The army is riddled

with racism. Muslims are vic-

tims of blatant discrimination

and harassment and can get no

redress under our laws, because

religion is not covered by the

race relations legislation.

There is one ethnic minor-

higher education.

with are receding or has the cause lost popularity?

Much has indeed been achieved. In spite of the collapse of the political consensus of the 1960s which led to the Act, in spite of the backlash and the deregulation of so much other employment protection, the Race Relations law has survived. In April, for example, two Asian risk assessors won £29,000 each in a race discrimination case against Lloyd's. We now have extraordinarily

successful black and Asian sci-

entists, industrialists, artists, media and sports stars. They see this country as a land of opportunity. Ongoing research at the Policy Studies Institute shows that East African Asians, Chinese and Indians are outstripping whites in some fields. Even more encouragingly, big companies now value diversity as an economic asset. The recent Race for Opportunity campaign spearheaded by Robert Ayling, chairman of British Airways, is attempting to encourage both the talent and economic potential of ethnic minority Britons. "As a country," says Mr Ayling, "we have thrived, improved and become more wealthy by taking the best of the immigrant community and utilising their skills. If we can't break down racial won't work successfully as an organisation." Such radical talk is the visible evidence of among such folk was unthinkable even five years ago.

But this is only part of a complex story. Inequality and injustice are still pervasive. Research commissioned by BBC Radio 5 Live shows that a third more life for the rest. American blacks are among the richest and most powerful black people in the world. Among the wealthiest people in this country there is always more than a sprinkling of Asians who have made good. And yet the exclusion of the rest has worsened. Both countries find it hard to accept that the forces of progress and regression coexist. Then there is the problem of

race and politics. The political parties recently signed a com-pact with the CRE agreeing not to use race as a weapon. But both main parties are getting twitchy. Unpopularity may force Tories to play the race card. The danger of such dirty tactics being employed was demonstrated in the last elec-tion. And if this tactic is used again, Labour will be vulnera-ble. Hence the party's palpable people, white and black and Asian, think racism is a more serious problem today than five years ago. Unemployment among black and Asian people

Roy Hattersley, interviewed for my forthcoming Radio 5 Live programme, No Entry, "There's been no time when Labour has been so silent on immigration and race. Until two years ago we had at least an annual debate on community relations and immigration. It related immigration to race relations and the lives of those who came here 40 years ago. I think Labour - shall I put it charitably? - is being extremely cautious at the moment. Now either you follow the salamander and meet the issue head on or do the opposite and Labour at present thinks it is best not to meet it head on." There is also the issue of marginal seats where white voters, anxious about Labour and immigration, could swing the result.

According to the British Professor Zig Layton Henry Warwick University, an Crime Survey there are 130,000 racially motivated incidents a expert on race and politics, is year. Several black men have convinced that Labour has died in police custody, others decided it has much more to have received huge pay-offs after gain by pushing women's issues alleged maltreatment by officers. than race equality. This week A young black motorist has just the BBC transmitted, for the first time ever, a programme been awarded £320,000 for one such incident. Since the failure where the three party leaders were questioned by Asians about their policies. Only Paddy of the criminal justice system to punish the killers of Stephen Lawrence, it is hard to find any-Ashdown dealt with racism, one in the black community and it was clear that Tony Blair was uncomfortable with many who feels the law protects them. questions, especially those hy are there so many peoabout problems ethnic minori-

massive problems? One reason So far only three Asians have been selected as Labour candiadvancement: like in the dates. Even the Tories have United States, where many seven. And yet the Labour Party people of colour have reached expects black votes as a continpositions of unimaginable uing act of faith. Many ethnic power, people are turning minority youngsters I meet against affirmative action even don't trust the party and will not vote at all, although they are though racism remains a fact of desperate for change. Charter 88 and the National Black Caucus are campaigning to encourage the black vote, but more is needed. People are also worried about New Labour's image. Where are the black faces among the bright young

acolytes around Blair and Co? We must also confront the withdrawal of white (leftie) lib-erals from the ideals of race equality and multiculturalism. Suddenly they are sending their children to church schools or elsewhere far away where they will not be contaminated by Diwali. Some are still reeling

Rushdie affair which revealed unpleasant and endless quartheir own limits of tolerance. rels generated by Black Sec-Others are in anest over their tions must in part be responsible for the way new Labour is identity in Europe and in Britain. Others still are disenbehaving. Too much energy is wasted gaging from past labels. These are people whom Patrick Wright, the culture critic, on battles between blacks

obsessed with historical, unfordescribes as "refugees from the giveable white guilt and whites, collapsing left, stepping out hell bent on total exoneration. from behind all that discarded The quarrels between the Anti-Nazi League and the Antiideological baggage to catch up Racist Alliance and the growwith the opportunities of a world where everything seems ing tensions between difficult ethnic and religious groups fur-But it is not just whites who ther discredit the cause. Sancare responsible for the devalutimonious voices noisily vie with each other as life passes ing of race equality. Blacks and Asians are playing their part, them by. too, including activists on the front line. Too many bang on as

There is a dearth of dynamic ethnic minority leaders, individuals who can inspire community as well as national respect. The old leadership. people like Bernie Grant and Paul Boateng, came through local politics and/or community based groups. These traditional

routes are no longer delivering. Perhaps we will need to look elsewhere. There are individuals like Peter Herbert of the Society of Black Lawyers, or Claude Moreas of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, who seem to have what is desperately needed.

But we need more, especially those who are capable of entering the inner sanctum of the Labour Party and influencing policies which fit the dreams of those longing for change. White politicians too must

provide the kind of leadership a mature multi-racial democracy needs in the next century. They might begin by dislocating immigration from race. Even Hattersley, who invented the equation that tight immigration policies made for better race relations, now rejects that position and feels that it has actually worsened race relations. We need political leaders who

and education - on the benefits that immigrants have brought to this country. We could learn from the Germans, who have research to show just what migrants have contributed to the national economy. We are today faced with the

speak out - as they do on crime

rage and disappointment of so many third generation black and Asian Britons who still cannot claim their place in this country. It is tragic that whites and blacks with influедсе have abdicated their responsibility to lead and so failed to turn Britain into a standard bearer for racial equality in Europe.

Ray Hattersley's interview will be broadcast on 'No Entry', part of Radio Five Live's 'Race Around Britain' series which begins on Saturday. The writer is a research fellow at the Institute for Public Policy Research.

pointed by Jelly Roll Morton's

"virtuosic" performance of "Tom Cat Blues" if you had

stayed to listen to it. This is

because the man on Radio 3

didn't play a record of "Tom

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if nothing has changed, when much patently has. They don't accept that we have serious problems within the black and Asian communities which cannot be explained away by racism. The memories of the from the shock waves of the

to hang free".

Radio 3 has got it in for jazz lovers Radio 3 didn't know what it was doing with its jazz policy. I would like to apologise for this. It does see how many mistakes you can spot about Morton and know what it is doing. It is trying to get rid of the jazz audijazz in this paragraph of the ence altogether, by killing it

I am not just referring to its determination to wear us all into an early grave through having to stay up till half an hour after midnight for its regular Jazz Notes offering, and give us terminal fatigue. I have spotted a new tactic on the part of Radio 3 - to give jazz listeners heart attacks and apoplexy. It is well-known that jazz fans are among the most pedantic and nit-picking of all people, fanatics of accuracy with recording dates, personnel details etc. If they spot one

and they might keel over. Such was my feeling, at any rate, after listening to a 15minute programme last Friday on Radio 3 devoted to the music of the jazz pioneer Jelly Roll Morton. It was so misin-

bad mistake, they go red in the

face. Give them half a dozen,

script, transcribed exactly as I recorded it.

Throughout the Twenties and Thirties he toured America and became renowned not only for his music but also for his flamboyant dress, showmanship and eccentric accessories; he wore diamonds in his teeth and in his sock

"Musically he had a huge influence on the pianists of the Thirties, Earl Hines, Fats Waller and Erroll Garner among them, who all paid him tribute in their own work. The pianists Carl and Spencer Williams also paid him tribute in the song, 'Ain't Gonna Give Nobody None of my Jelly Roll', which we're going to hear now played by the Sidney Bechet (sic) and his New Orleans Peetwarmers again.

"It's followed by a virtuosic

farewell from Jerry, er, Jelly

Miles Kington

Roll himself, 'Tom Cat Blues', which he co-wrote with his friend Franklin Taft Melrose." OK? That's the text. How many deliberate errors can you spot? Well, time's up and here are the answers.

 Morton didn't do much touring in the Thirties. His music was out of fashion by 1930 and he hardly worked again, being as good as broke throughout the Thirties. As he died a forgotten man in 1941, it wasn't really quite as good a final decade as Radio 3 thinks.

2. Nobody outside Radio 3 ever thought Morton had much influence on Hines. Waller or Garner, who were all much finer pianists than you would have been disap-

3. Only on Radio 3 do they think of Erroll Garner as a pianist of the 1930s; he was not yet out of his teens in 1940. 4. There is no such person as Carl Williams. The man who wrote the song was Clarence Williams.

5. "Ain't Gonna Give Nobody None of My Jelly Roll" has nothing to do with Jelly Roll Morton at all. It refers to a piece of sexual double entendre which was common in black American parlance of the time, and which Morton, too, borrowed

for his nickname. 6. This means that the following record in this special Jelly Roll Morton quarter of an hour had nothing to do with Morton at all, being written by someone else and played by someone else.

7. He may turn up in reference books as Franklin Taft Melrose but he was never known in jazz history as anything but Frank Melrose. 8. And finally, though you

won't get this from the script.

dously. All I am saying is that if you can get eight fairly basic errors about jazz into 133 words of text, which is about one error every 16 words, then it is probably not an accident. It is deliberate. I can only imagine that the head of Radio 3 has ordered his minions to start putting out little jazz programmes riddled with mistakes in order to give heart attacks to those jazz listeners

who have not yet succumbed to terminal fatigue. Put it another way: if I keel to over with a red face and peg out in the near future, I wanted a warrant for murder to be

issued against a man called

Nicholas Kenyon.

Wanted: an enterprise culture for the Nineties

The mood has swung against the Thatcherite business ethos of the Eighties. Now we need to build up a less divisive approach

ast week's jailing of Owen idea of business. It was portrayed as the lack of a venture capital indusenterprise culture. In the wake of the Maxwell scandal and Cedric Brown, the public mood has turned sharply against business. Its leaders are less likely to be seen as wealth-creating heroes than as self-serving fat cats. and according to opinion polls, only 15 per cent of the British public now trust multinationals to be honest.

There are good reasons for the swing of the pendulum against the Eighties enterprise culture. Hundreds of thousands of firms disappeared during a recession that owed as much to government policy as to the business cycle, and millions have suffered from the relentless downsizing of big firms that has now prompted even Stephen Roach, the guru of downsizing, to admit that it may have left American business not so much lean as anorexic.

In retrospect it is easy to see just how flawed was the enterprise culture that Margaret Thatcher so assiduously promoted. While there was much to be said for cutting red tape, restrictive union power and moted a very narrow and exclusive

Oyston seemed to bang yet a minority pursuit for pinstriped another nail in the coffin of the young men and swaggering selfmade businessman, as more about deals than making things or providing a service, and more about bullying employees than getting the best

Unfortunately no one gains from a climate of opinion in which business is always in the dock. In a capitalist system, unless risk, innovation greed - are rewarded, and unless firms can compete and cooperate in healthy ways, it is very hard to create wealth and jobs. The stood that culture is as important as simple fact that prosperity has as much to do with culture as with traditional economic concerns such as inflation, investment and interest rates, has been taken much more seriously in recent years.

In America, for example, the Democrats are considering new rules that would give tax advantages to responsible "A-Corporations" that train and consult their staff. In Japan the primary concern has been to make business more creative in areas such as software where they have singularly failed to gain a substantial market share. In Germany,

One might have expected Britain, too, to be asking hard questions about how we can learn from the mistakes of the Eightics without returning to the failed corporatism of the Seventies. But although John Major talks of making Britain the "enterprise centre of Europe" and Tony Blair is keen to reassure business of Labour's responsibility, there is little sign of fresh thinking.

exchange rate mechanisms and tax cuts. Relatively few commentators are familiar with analysing cultures, partly because they see them as less tangible than the hard facts of economics, and partly for the simpler reason that they have spent so many years juggling with macroeconomics

The first priority is to get away from the exclusive image that business took on in the Eighties. Fortunately one of the better legacies of Thatcherism is that a remarkably high proportion of young people want to be self-employed. Nearly



No one gains when business is always in the dock

businesses. It is striking how far the most popular contemporary busi-ness heroes - like Anita Roddick, Shami Ahmed or Richard Branson are from the traditional image of staid white men in suits. Yet too many of the institutions dealing with business, from TECs to local banks, are still cast in an old image that is alienating wealth creators of the future.

The second step is to reject the idea that it makes good business

sense to treat employees as disposable commodities. Few slogans have encouraged more cynicism than the mantra "our people are our greatest asset" which has usually coincided with swingeing job cuts. All too often employers have expected ever greater commitment and longer hours from their staff, but shown no commitment back. Yet in an economy ever more based on information and knowledge these styles of management are becoming obsolete. Highly skilled staff can literally walk out of the door, not only in software and multimedia but also in what are now high technology manufacturing sectors like steel and cars, where efficient production depends on motivating employees to share information and solve problems for

So far, the historic shift away from an economy dominated by financial capital to one dominated by human capital has yet to filter through to boardrooms, policy-makers and stock exchanges. But already many firms are trying to catch up. Some are looking at the arts and even theatre to understand how to motivate people to be creative. Others have set up their own quasi-univer-

commitment to learning. Alternaing to give significant shareholdings to their employees - a kind of active popular capitalism that contrasts sharply with the passive ownership

more forward-looking enterprise culture. But a more information properties that render the Eighties enterprise culture obsolete. One is Another is that since many more jobs require people to work with other people, there is a far greater. premium for interpersonal skills and emotional intelligence rather than macho aggression. A third is that firms too have to work collab-oratively, rather than in splendid, individualist isolation. One US study found that firms most active in strategic alliances are making 50 per cent higher returns, and the world's most dynamic industrial areas like Seattle, Silicon Valley, Singapore Demos, price £8 (0171-353 4479).

Add these together and it is not tively, some companies are still try- hard to imagine a very different enterprise culture to the one that took shape in the Eighties. It would be a more inclusive culture, and one more suited to an information econof privatised utility shares. omy in which wealth can be created almost out of nothing, as firms such almost out of nothing, as firms such as Netscape and Microsoft have shown. For politicians it may be hard based economy also has many other to go beyond the familiar clickes about education, training and macroeconomic stability. But withthat the public is far more judge-mental about firms' records on moters of a Thatcherite enterprise things like the environment. culture were at least asking the right question, even if their answers were flawed. Britain could all too easily be left not as the enterprise centre of Europe, but rather as a bit part player in a global economy where the new ideas, new jobs and new firms are all emerging some-

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To understand the election results in Israel, one has to look at the development of a new, religious form of Zionism, argues Irad Malkin

The land of the **Philistines**

brother of my secular, Zionist grandmother. In 1936 she migrated to Palestine: however, he was forbidden from doing so by his rabbi. The Jewish state, claimed the rabbi, must not be rebuilt before the coming of the Messiah. The advice was catastrophic (the Germans killed my great uncle in Poland), but nonetheless symptomatic of the Jewish-Zionist paradox: on the one hand there was a territorial. spiritual Judaism, and on the other secular Zionism. The origins of the Zionist movement consisted in a rebel-

a diaspora existence. Indeed, except for one religious movement, whose descendant is Israel's National Religious Party, all other Jewish religious sectors in Israel remain, until today, ostensibly non-Zionist. Their religious parties, which have made significant gains in this week's elections, are experienced veterans of the political election game in Israel. In the early Fifties their interests were mainly sectorial. But in time they changed their focus, and today their agenda has come full circle in its desire to reverse Zionism's definition of what Judaism is all about. Their success could change the face of Israel, its relations with the Arabs, and the value Israeli society attaches to the territorial aspects of "the Jewish

The view of Israel from abroad is far too narrow and mistakenly concentrates on external aspects of the Israeli-Arab relationships, Israel's picture in the media is "event-oriented". This underplays deeper

sometimes ponder the changes of attitude and out-fate of the religious look; and it is precisely such look; and it is precisely such changes that contextualise and even create the events. To understand Israeli society one would do well to observe its dilemmas and changing views of itself as a Jewish state. Israel has existed as a state for almost 50 years and during this time, and especially during the three decades following the Six Day War (1967), a polarised cultural struggle has enveloped its soci-

The struggle oscillates 'ethnic", and historically conditioned Jewish identity (the view of secular Zionism), and lion against the kind of religious the religious orientation of

Historically, Zionist move-ments on the left and on the right claim a share in the creation of the state of Israel, in the renaissance of the Hebrew language, and in winning Israel's wars. However, the enormous energy invested in state-building left little time for secular Jews (or "free Jews", as Orthodox Jews disparagingly call them) to invest in their non-religious identity. Jewish values have been abandoned to the cultural investment of religious movements between notions of a secular, whose members cannot comprehend any definition of Judaism other than a religious one. Having invested relatively little in state- and nation-build-

One would do well to observe Israel's dilemmas and changing views of itself

25 (rather than 18 seats) in a parliament of 120, Wednesday's elections nonetheless indicate a dramatic shift towards the religious orientation. This is particularly worrying because, from the a-territorial Judaism of my great-uncle's rabbi, religious Judaism is increasingly identified with the notion of the sacred Land of Israel. The once moderate National Religious Party moved to the ultra-right territorialists almost a generation ago; the same is now happening with the other religious sectors of Israeli political life. I found it no surprise that, for the first time in its history, almost the entire religious block supported the candidate

Judaism. While the numbers ing, religious movements now may not seem worrying - the find themselves in a position to joint religious parties now have the Jewish state.

What character? One can be an Englishman and maintain almost any religious belief without losing that which makes him "English". But can the same be said of a Jew? The long history of the overlap between the ethnic and the religious terminology has created a basic contradiction that no Israeli can fully solve. Perhaps inexplicably, it is inconceivable even for a "free Jew" like myself that I might convert to another religion and remain a Jew. The religious parties have been very successful in shifting the focus to their point of view by exploiting the lack of clear-cut answer to the question: "What is a Jew?" (Israel has no constitution primarily for this reason).

It is perhaps no wonder that the dogmatic slogan "Netanyahu is good for the Jews", carefully pronounced just a day before the elections, carried the day with the religious bloc and the majority of the Jewish population (55 per cent, excluding the votes of Israeli Arabs). I could never sympathise with Orthodox Judaism, but I could

respect the basic tenet shared by many Orthodox parties: the secular state is just a tool, and Jewish existence within it is best regarded as comparable to communal Jewish existence. say, in England or the US. Israel, however, is not England and the supposedly secluded religious sectors too are under-Both ideology and the reality of life in Israel are rapidly sandpapering away the spiritual tenets of the non-Zionist Orthodox parties. The Judaism of these parties has become intimately linked with land. These elections have proven that "place" and territory have become irretrievably glued to spiritual Judaism; paradoxically the rabbis, while probably happy with their victory, should now be worried lest the cruder,

nationalistic aspects of Zionism will take over their own flock. Israel's future and its ability to extricate itself from its domination over, and settlement among Palestinians may depend on the "Jewish content" of the territorial space it occupies in Israel. Religious and rightist Judaism are irredentist by definition. For example, the (now Arab) city of Hebron, where Abraham is supposed to have purchased a burial plot, should, accordingly, be Jewish. By contrast, the mainstream of Zionism until the 1967 war looked for a solution for the



Jewish people "in Palestine" (a point officially made already in the Balfour declaration), not over all of it. Modern Zionism has led Jews to Israel mainly through its ports and has settled the absolute majority of Jews along Israel's Mediterranean coasts. Whereas in antiquity Jews believed they had migrated to Israel from the desert, led by Moses and settled by Joshua in the hinterland. today's demographic reality constitutes a complete reversal: in their heads Jews were returning to the "land of their fathers", but the realisation of the Return was at best approximate, and Jews mostly settled

in the coastal regions of ancient Phoenicia and the cities of the Philistines (hence the name "Palestine"). How is this Mediterranean paradox connected with religion, Judaism, the elections

edging the Mediterranean real-

ity of Israel, the governments of Rabin and Shimon Peres have also given up on irredentism. Let us remember that from the Israeli point of view, the most significant ideological and formal implication of the Oslo agreements with the Palestinians was that Israel has officially given up, for the first time ever, its claim over the West Bank (Judaea and Samaria) as the primordial land of the ancestors of the Jewish people. We have come just short of implementing this recognition, between 'Oslo II' (already signed and partially implemented) and Oslo III, yet to be negotiated. But can this still happen?

A victory of the right, coloured by its close alliance with the religious parties, must signify that the principle of irredentism is back in full force. It builds on two major trends On the one hand, an increasing number of secular Israelis are being told (and, it seems, con-

equals religious identity. On the other hand, more and more religious Jews have come to see their Judaism as consisting of an attachment to the Sacred

Shimon Peres argued against irredentism and for peace. His efforts had brought the Israeli-

top of the hill, from which it may be rolling backwards. When I write these lines, on the morning after the elections, the heart is as heavy as the stone of Sisyphus.

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You, too, could climb Mount Everest – for a price

Our consuming passion for 'safe-risk' holidays has little to do with real adventure, writes Charles Arthur

would have been proud of a voice like Brian Blessed's. The actor speaks with a rolling, deep roar, sometimes muted, sometimes not. On his return this week from a third unsuccessful attempt to climb Mount Everest, Blessed was clearly in the mood to condemn the sins he had perceived there.
"I found people taking food from

our tents, our rations burgled." he said. "People shitting in our tents while we were out - though that's all right. it's so cold up there it goes hard as cement, you can clear it out easily. People turning up without enough provisions or tents, hoping someone else will help them." Reaching the summit was their only desire, and they didn't care how they did it. "I was horrified that such a high mountain experienced the lowest common denominator in human behaviour."

It was not only on the mountain itself that he was appalled. The north [Chinese] side used to be a magic place. Mallory and Irvine started from that side in the 1920s. There was a beautiful monastery. Now, the northsice hase camp has huge toilets the size of four rooms - and they're overflowing - while the monastery sells Pepsi.

His voice rises to a dull roar. In

surised suits taking Yanks up for \$50,000 a go, and them complaining that the weather's bad so they can't see the historic spot where Mallory and Irvine disappeared?" Some might be surprised that the

The risk of dying on Mount Everest is still

about one in 33

29,028ft mountain has fallen so dramatically to earth. But to others, many of Blessed's complaints cut no ice. Given the choice between using a vacant tent as a toilet, or wandering outside, perhaps to slip down a gully - as one person did this month - wouldn't you take the first? "Sometimes it's just survival." says Stephen Venables, the British climber who reached the summit in 1988. "Or you're confused - as happens at high

altitude - or there's a genuine misunderstanding about using something. It

mountain," says Venables. (The others were closed off by their governments.) "There would be one expedition in spring and one in autumn, and the people on them would be highly competent climbers - the cream - who had proven themselves elsewhere first."

And now? There were roughly 150 climbers, of varying ability, and 300 Sherpas on the mountain, as storms struck and killed a total of 11 in the past fortnight. All four countries bordering the peak now allow access - for a price, which starts at around \$10,000 - and this has led to the proliferation of companies offering to guide inexperienced mountaineers to the place above all others. Classified adverts in sports magazines offer "your best chance of reaching the top of Everest". All you need is £16,000 and some mountaineering experience.

The offers have been taken up eagerly. At one point last year there were almost 40 people standing on the "roof of the world", an area about the size of a large room. One, a Texan, twirled a lariat he had brought up as a memento from friends back home. He His voice rises to a dull roar. "In four years' time they're going to build of Everest has diminished in direct in direct in the direct in the

ny Old Testament prophet a hotel with a view that's the greatest would have been proud of a on God's earth. What next? Funicu-voice like Brian Blessed's. The lar railways to the top with prespeople love - even expect - the "safe risk", bought off the shelf; bungee jumping, parachuting, white-water rafting, scuba-diving, abseiling are all activities that used to be extremely risky but better equipment has

> our supermarketadventure culture

The true fault lies in

reduced the danger so much that they can be part of a funfair, a charity activity day or a management training course. The adventure has been wrung out of them. All that remains is the perception of risk, among those who never really appreciated the dangers

Similarly, to say that you have climbed Everest still has an iconic importance. True, it requires supreme fitness, and yes, it is dangerous: Scott Fischer and Rob Hall, who died in this spring's calamity, were two of the best mountaineers in the world. The risk of dying on the mountain is still calculated at about one in 33.

But which would you be more impressed by - someone who had climbed Everest, or who had topped the world's second-highest mountain? It should be the latter - K2 is technically far more demanding and, because of its remoteness, is always climbed without supplementary oxygen. Is there adventure left anywhere? At this question, Venables almost

explodes. "The Great Himalaya stretches for 2,000 miles! At its widest it's 200 or 300 miles across. There are thousands of peaks that have never been climbed there. I've done a climb that was just 18 miles from Everest, just off a popular trekking route; it took us three days of hacking through jungle just to reach the base of the mountain. You don't have to go far to find the wilderness.' And you do not have to travel to the

more remote points of the earth to find a wilderness. Consider the case of Sir Ranulph Fiennes – best known for his frost-bitten, determined walks across the Antarctic. Now he is exploring the routes of London's sewers. The risks may be low, but he is demonstrating what all the great explorers have always had - the imagination to discover the unknown, rather than merely follow someone else's pack-

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CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

OECD lowers British growth expectations

Economics Editor

Doubt was cast on Chancellor Kenneth Clarke's optimism about economic prospects this year by a big downgrade from an authoritative outside forecast vesterday.

Although the Treasury will revise down its own forecast when it publishes an update in July, the Chancellor will continue to have one of the highest growth predictions for the UK. His current 3 per cent growth target is well out of line with yesterday's 2 per cent prediction from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, vesterday asked Mr Clarke to justify his optimism about the economy. In a letter to the Chancellor he wrote: "Just as happened last year, it would appear that growth will be lower than you forecast. Under these circumstances, will you either justify your own forecast, or accept the OECD's forecast and spell out to £802m from £1.33bn in Feb-

out to be more accurate, tax revenues will be lower than projected in the last budget, further reducing Mr Clarke's scope for tax çuis.

In its review the organisation sounded a note of caution about government borrowing, saying that current public spending plans were "ambitious" and previous attempts to reduce government spending had had

cuts, it said.

However, in its annual report on the British economy the Paris-based think-tank repeated last year's praise of the Government's economic policies for delivering sustainable, noninflationary growth and lower unemployment. It also reviewed labour market deregulation and competition policy favourably.

The Chancellor welcomed

ment policies. He noted that the OECD - which is funded by member governments - had revised down its forecasts for most countries and expected the British economy to pick up later this year.

The new forecast cuts the growth outlook for this year from 2.4 per cent previously to 2 per cent, putting the OECD near the gloomy end of the

the implications for our public mixed results. Future tax cuts the report's generally favfinances." If the OECD turns should be matched by spending our able assessment of governomists have revised up their broadly unchanged stance for prediction for growth in consumer spending from 2.3 per cent to 3 per cent but scaled back their expectations for investment and exports. They also expect reductions in excess

stock levels to hold back growth. The current pause is likely to be short-lived, however, as consumer spending will underpin

The OECD reckons inflation

will remain subdued with "a monetary policy over the coming two years." Its diagnosis that there will be no need to raise interest rates significantly stems from the fact that output remains below potential. It concluded: The prospects are good for continuing economic expansion and further reduc-

tions in unemployment, while maintaining low inflation."

Government

focus on the deregulation of the labour market and stimulation of competition. The OECD has long declared itself impressed by the UK's "flexible" jobs market, but this report was the first to praise competition policy too.

Privatisation had on balance been a success despite concerns about the lack of competition in the utilities, it concluded. The report said

pleased, too, by the survey's there had been substantial reductions." However, it had criticisms in both areas. On the jobs front it said the main challenge was to reduce long-term unemployment and upgrade skill levels. It also said the growth in inequality meant "policymakers may need to bear in mind the position of those at the bottom.

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Traders *

warned

on stamp

duty

The Securities and Investments

Board said yesterday that it was

not a foregone conclusion that

the Stock Exchange's current proposals for reform of the

stock market would gain stamp

Last week Kenneth Clarke,

the Chancellor, said that in

principle stamp duty concessions could continue in the new

market and he asked SIB to pro-

duce a consultation document

outlining how firms could qual-

The Government is prepared

to accept a reduction in the

£1.2bn it receives from stamp

duty and in the long term may

But a SIB consultation doc-

ument indicated the intention was to produce a stamp duty

regime that fitted the Stock Ex-

change, Tradepoint and any

other trading services that

might enter the London market. SIB said: "Because this is a

genuine consultation document

we are considering the possi-

bility that the way the Stock

Exchange is thinking is not the most convincing."
The SIB consultation period

finishes on 20 June, two weeks ahead of the Exchange's con-

sultations on the new market,

which began yesterday with the publication of detailed plans.

phase it out altogether.

duty relief for traders.

ify for it.

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

Better exports to rescue industry from recession

Britain's export performance last year was better than at first thought, the Office for National Statistics said yesterday, writes Diane Coyle, Revisions to earlier figures will raise the economy's estimated growth rate last vear, rescuing manufacturing in-

dustry from recession. New figures show Britain's

ruary, but the April shortfall in trade with non-EU countries widened to £868m from £676m in March. The trade news helped ster-

high against the mark. It closed at DM2.35 last night, up a quarter of a pfennig.

Traders said that, in a break with tradition, overseas investors were shrugging off the

ling remain near a 15-month

the stability of a Labour government after the election. New data for export and import prices mean the ONS has

revised up estimated growth in export volumes in 1995. Analast year's GDP growth from 25 to 2.6 per cent. The new price deficit is broadly flat, according to official statisticians. Excludlysts said this was likely to raise

Government's war on Europe lished fall in manufacturing and starting to look forward to output in the fourth quarter will be revised away.

Jonathan Loynes, an analyst at HSBC Markets, said: "This will turn what was previously a pretty flat trend in manufacturing output throughout last year into a gently rising trend."

ing oil and erratic items, the un-derlying deficit widened to £5.2bn in the first quarter of this year from £4.7bn in the final

quarter of last year.

Erratic items flattered the March global deficit, with precious stones accounting for half the month's increase in exports. But half of April's iump m imports from non-EU countries was due to aircraft.

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GDP .		2.0	2.4	3.0
of which:	consumer spending	3.0	2.3	3.5
	investment	2.0	4.8	4 25
	government consumption	0.8	1.4	0.25
	exports	5.2	6.2	7.25
	imports	5.7	6,5	6.75
	stocks*	-0.3	0.0	-0,25
Manufact	uring output	1.5	2,3 Source	2.5 r neco, HM Treasu

United to expand by alliances

MICHAEL HARRISON

United Utilities, the group created through the merger of North West Water and the electricity supplier Norweb, vesterday unveiled plans to expand through a series of strategic alliances into the gas and power

The new strategy is likely to see the combined utility signing deals with North Sea gas suppliers and electricity generators rather than buying another water or region-

al electricity company outright. Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman, said: We are not on the prowl. We have plenty to do integrating the businesses we have at the moment."

He was speaking as the company, the first of the wave of multi-utilities being created through the consolidation of the water and electricity industries, reorted a 4 per cent drop in pretax profits to £273m after heavy restructuring charges at Norweb, increased drought costs and spending on discretionary

The shares, which have put in a pedestrian performance since the merger on 1 January, slid 15p to close at 580p despite further hullish comments about the

progress of integrating Norweb. Brian Staples, chief executive, said cost savings could be achieved by supply utilities such as United Utilities working more closely with electricity generators such as National Power, particularly as the domestic energy markets will be opened up to competition in 1998 and prices

"If you want to be a winner, "If you want to be a winner, contracting and generation busi-then the sensible thing to do is nesses and North West Water's

The results, which included a £99m contribution to operating profits from Norweb, were affected by £124m of restructuring costs, including £104m for the in-tegration of Norweb. Drought costs were also higher at £24.4m while a further £23.4m was spent on discretionary customer ini-

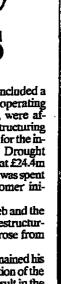
Stripping out Norweb and the exceptional costs of restructuring, operating profits rose from £344m to £365m.

March of cost savings that the Norweb merger would achieve helped prompt the renewed

United Utilities estimates that extra £140m to its bottom line by the end of the decade. Yesterday it said that £73m, or 78 per cent, of the £94m benefits forecast for the current year had already been confirmed while £92m of the £105m benefit projected for 1997/98 had been attained.

The cost reductions will include the closure and sale of Norweb's headquarters in Manchester and 2,500 job losses, 1,160 of which have already been achieved in the regulated electricity and water businesses.

group's £350m disposal programme was on course. This will involve the sale of Norweb Retail, the third largest electrical retailer in the country, Norweb's to share the squeeze." he added. process equipment division.



Mr Staples said it remained his view that the consolidation of the utilities sector would result in the sector being dominated by no more than six to 10 multi-utilities. United Utilities believes that its own announcement in

round of merger activity.

Sir Desmond also said that the



Share the squeeze: Brian Staples and Sir Desmond Pitcher prepare strategies for competition in the market from 1998 Photograph: Edward Sykes

ScottishPower insists race 'not over yet'

MICHAEL HARRISON

ScottishPower yesterday re-inforced expectations that it will raise the stakes in the bid battle for Southern Water by insisting that the race with the rival bidder Southern Electric was "not over yet".

The comment came as another water company on the receiving end of two hostile bids - South West Water - mar-

A spokesman for the ScottishPower camp said: "We set out with the intention of securing agreement of the board. We still want to acquire Southern Water. There is a recommended alternative offer on

our options." On Wednesday, Scottish-Power's £1.56bn bid for South-ern was topped by an agreed "They can huff and puff as shalled its defences with a 12 per ern was topped by an agreed "They can huff and puff as cent increase in the dividend £1.6bn offer from Southern much as they like. The simple

em Electric's cash offer is worth 975p a share.

The expectation in the market is that Scottish Power may have to raise its cash offer to £10

but Scottish has insisted that it will only rebid on terms that create value for its shareholders. Southern Electric hit back at the latest fighting talk from

and a £10-a-head rebate for customers. Electric, valuing the water company at £10.03 a share. South-agreed offer on the table." att, has decided what level of customer rebates he will require Meanwhile South West

pledged that it would continue to deliver value for customers and shareholders in the face of the "unsolicited and unwelcome" bid approaches from Wessex Water and Severn Trent. The two bids will not be

ruled on by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission until the end of September and it is likely to be November before the water industry regulator, Ian By- lifted to 5-6 per cent.

one, who are both based in Den-

ver, Colorado, have done

several deals together, includ-

ing one infamous exchange that

customer rebates he will require in return for allowing either bid. South West has begun build-

ing its defences, posting a 10 per cent increase in pre-tax profits before exceptional restructuring costs to £109m and announcing a more generous dividend policy. The company had been committed to raising the payout by 3-4 per cent a year in real terms but yesterday indicated that this would now be

a trail-blazer, he has been

eclipsed in the popularity stakes

by entrepreneurs who followed

him - men such as John Mal-

one and Wayne Huizenga, the

video hire giant now owned by

Mr Schneider also hobnobs

with some of America's best-

known media moguls, including

Ted Turner, the founder of

CNN and a neighbour of Mr

Mr Schneider and Mr Mal- heart attack in 1992. Know as

A key component of the Exchange electronic order book trading system will be a new category of firm called Registered Principle Traders who will be obliged to buy and sell stock to keep the market liquid, in return for certain benefits including

stamp duty concessions. These traders will take orders from customers on the telephone, but at prices set on a new electronic order book which will handle the top 100 stocks.

The order book replaces the market-making system by automatically matching buyers and sellers. But the Exchange has tackled the problem of how to keep the market ticking over when stock is short by suggesting the idea of registered traders who must step in to help when needed. The key problem for SIB is

drawing up a watertight definition of what makes a firm qualify for stamp duty relief that applies to any exchange. It is considering alternatives

to the registered trader proposal for maintaining liquidity at difficult times.

Gene Schneider poised to start Irish cables humming

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

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The US cable TV giant United International Holdings, controlled by the legendary cable pioneer Gene Schneider, is poised to launch an Irish channel in the UK, in league with the Irish state broadcaster RTE and UK media company Riordan Communications.

RTE would provide the programming, and may even take an equity stake. Its board was

firmed within the next week. It emerged last night that Flextech, the cable and satellite programme packager, had con-sidered backing the venture, but

was not convinced it would Sponsors of the new channel,

dubbed Tara, are also in negotiations with the three leading cable operators to arrange carriage, including the UK's largest, Telewest. The aim is to

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marily at a potential audience of up to 8 million expatriate and first-generation Irish who live in Britain, and will broadcast a mix of soaps, drama, comedy, music and news from 12 noon to midnight daily, taken from RTE's schedule. The Irish broadcaster spends £120m a

year on programmes. The Irish service will be also be available in Australia, Cana-

yesterday debating the invest-ment, which could be con-market in the autumn.

da and South Africa, its back-ers say.

cable system in Wyoming in 1953, and spent the next 30 In the end, it hopes to be able

to reach a significant proportion of the Irish diaspora, which could total 50 million world-The launch marks the first UK foray of Mr Schneider, whose company is listed in New

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years developing what would be-come a 1.1 million-subscriber network in 17 states. He sold out to TCT's John Malone, one of America's bona fide media barons, in 1989, for \$2bn, and kept \$100m worth of TCI stock for himself. Since then, he has built an international network of cable and satellite invest-

saw Mr Schneider buy international cable assets from Mr Malone for \$85m, only to sell back a fraction of the holdings at a considerable premium, using the rest of the assets as a platform for to expand his opments that now spans 23 counerations overseas tries, including Israel, Australia and countries in Latin America

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Swissair pressed to table bid for Allders Pressure mounted yesterday on of £120m before the airline pro-

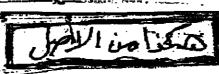
Swissair actually to table its proposed £145m offer for Allders International or withdraw from battle for control of the duty free shop operator, writes Tom Stevenson. Shareholders are due to vote on 10 June on BAA's recommended £130m bid, currently the only firm offer.

It emerged yesterday that early approaches from BAA had put a value of only Elixim on the tax-free retailing chain, while approaches from Swissair had swung from an initial price-tag of £200m to a tentative offer

posed an offer of £145m. Confusion about the value of the business, which lost £1m in the increasingly acrimonious the six months to March, has focused attention on the fiduciary duty of Allders' management to accept the best offer for its shareholders. Aliders claims it has done its duty by securing £130m for a business which has an uncertain future after the abolition of duty free within Eu-rope after 1999. Swissair sayshi has been locked out, despite /4-

ing prepared to offer 115m

more than BAA's bid. Comment, page 21





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Allders plays a good hand over the duty-free

The proposed sale by Allders of its duty-free business is a small enough deal - not at all the usual stuff of controversy. Swissain is making it so, however. Its demand that its £145m offer for Allders' duty-free business be put to shareholders is causing quite a stir. The department store group's management has a fiduciary duty to its owners to secure the best offer for the retail chain. And Swiss Air is promising £15m more for the business

than the price already agreed with BAA.
Allders was bulldozed into recommending the BAA offer, the argument goes, because the airport owner, by petulantly announcing its intention to end the Allders management contract at nine months notice, threatened to make the operation even less viable than it is already.

But while it is always nice to find a reason to have a go at a wicked monopolist like BAA, in this case the argument doesn't bear much scrutiny. First, Allders had a fairly stark choice on Friday 17 May, when its deadline for bids expired, between a real offer of £130m from BAA and a far from copper-bottomed promise of a bid from Swissair. Having suggested it might offer as much as £200m before scaling back its estimate to just £120m during the process, Swissair had hardly behaved in a way that would instil any confidence in its ability to come up with the goods.

up to £130m from early soundings of £100m.
This is a company, after all, about to lose a significant chunk of its business in 1999 when duty-free within the European Union is abolished. In those circumstances, £130m in

the bag was a pretty satisfactory prospect. Far from painting themselves into an embarrassing corner, Allders' management appears to have played a reasonbly good game of poker, using the spectre of Swissair to weaken BAA's otherwise strong hand and extract a sensible price for a business it quite learly want shot of.

Allders will have to go through the motions of backing BAA, because the contract it has signed says it has to. But in truth it will be as happy as anyone to accept the higher offer. If, as seems likely, this is nothing but Swiss bluster, investors can relax, knowing that the risk of BAA walking away

Downside in a glowing report

The Government is rather pleased with the economists at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Although its growth forecast was unsatisfactory

a more glowing end-of-term report on his own management of the economy.

Indeed, some of the choicest phrases in yesterday's annual report on the UK econ-omy have a whiff of Whitehall about them. Accolades like "sound foundation for sustained economic recovery", "a more flexible and less inflation-prone economy", and "a better jobs and inflation record" could have been lifted from any of the Chancellor's recent speeches. Only a cynic would suggest that Britain's £10m annual contribution to the OECD budget influences the organisa-

However, the report is not without its criticisms of macro-economic policy. One observation is that the premium investors demand for holding long-term gilts rather than bonds issued by the US and German governments has increased since late 1994.
"One interpretation of these indicators is that there has been scant progress in building long-run UK monetary policy credibility through 1995," the survey concludes. Clearly the markets think prospects for continued growth and low inflation are not as good as the OECD makes out.

Now why is that. The answer lies with what you think Mr Clarke will do with interest rates and the public finances. Will he raise

of evidence from the economic statistics tilts towards higher inflation? Will he stick to published spending plans and match tax cuts with further spending cuts in his pre-elec-tion Budget. Or will he cut interest rates willy-nilly and repeat last year's trick of putting the improvement in the public finances off for another year? The markets think the latter. And you know what? They are probably right.

Texas twist to Hinchliffe saga

For a businessman whose company, Facia, is privately owned, Stephen Hinchliffe generates an awful lot of column inches. Serious business people must be finding it all a bit galling, for there are presumably plenty of more important, interesting and suc-cessful entrepreneurs that could be written about. But no, for the moment Mr Hinchliffe wins hands down in the publicity stakes. In part this is explained by the expectation that this curious rag-bag collection of other people's left-overs will one day attempt to go public. A chequered business history, the fact that he and his finance director face proceedings by the DTI for disqualification as directors, and the odd rumble from credi-

Second, management (and shareholders) from the Chancellor's point of view, Mr interest rates later this year if the balance tors, adds spice to the brew. Now there's a were rightly quite chuffed to have bid BAA | Clarke himself could scarcely have written of evidence from the economic statistics tilts | new twist. A company called Texas Andrews new twist. A company called Texas American Group, an outfit even more incredible than Pacia itself, is planning a bid. At least, Facia has the merit of being a quite substantial retailing empire, even if it is made up of trading names that nobody else want-ed. Texas is not even that. There's the obligatory golf course (a must for any aspiring leisure empire), some time-share properties in the Canary Islands, and a few hotels. Then there's William Grosvener, who most peo-ple know as a PR man. He's chief executive.

The company's most valuable asset, it seems, is a Nasdaq share quote in the United States. This it plans to use liberally in the acquisition of Facia, both as a method of buying the company from Mr Hinchliffe and other shareholders, and as a way of refinancing the business. All this is dependent on a satisfactory two way audit. Mr Hinch-liffe wants to satisfy himself that Texas is for real and Texas wants to satisfy itself that Facia is for real. So there you are. If it works, the seemingly unthinkable – Facia going public – gets to happen after all, albeit in the United States. As for what happens to Mr Hinchliffe, who knows? Does he get to stay or will he be off to pastures new? All will no doubt be revealed in the next exciting installment of "Hinchliffe; Britain's most written-about businessman".

Woolwich close to real repension deal with ex-chief Robinson

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Woolwich chief executive dramatically ousted from his post two months ago, is on the verge of clinching a compensation package with the building society that could allow him to immediately draw an annual pension of £165,000.

Alternatively, under current tax laws Mr Robinson could opt to receive a tax-free lump sum of up to £370,000, plus a reduced annual pension of £135,000 a year.

In return, he will abandon a compensation claim based on the two-year notice period to which he would have been entitled to as part of his contract of service. Linklaters and Paines, solicitors

acting for Woolwich, are believed to be on the verge of agreeing that Mr Robinson, aged 54, be allowed his pension without any penalties for early retirement. His normal retirement age would be 62. If a penalty were to apply, his payout

could be cut by up to one-third.

The Woolwich pension scheme is based on one sixtieth of salary for every year of service. Mr Robinson, who served almost 33 years with the society, would be entitled to more than half the £300,000 he earned before his sudden departure in the wake of allegations of financial irregularities. The deal, agreed in out-

tors D J Freeman, must be ac-Peter Robinson, the former cepted by the Woolwich board, which is yet to meet to consider the proposals.

It is believed, however, that some last-minute technicalities are unresolved. Once they are, both he and the building society are expected to announce next mouth they have reached an agreement.

Woolwich is currently under intense takeover speculation ahead of its £3bn flotation, planned for mid-1997. Among those tipped as potential predators are Prudential, the UK's largest insurer, and BAT, the tobacco giant which also owns Allied Dunbar and Eagle Star.



Robinson: Announcement is expected next month

line with Mr Robinson's solici- a permanent chief executive to replace Mr Robinson. The post is currently being filled by his pre-decessor Donald Kirkham, who stepped in at the society's request in early April.

The most recent suggested replacement is Andrew Long-hurst, chief executive at Cheltenham & Gloucester, the former building society now owned by Lloyds Bank. Mr Longhurst is said to be unhappy at not being offered a seat on the

> A Woolwich spokesman said: "We have always said that any appointment was weeks rather than months away. We are talking to a number of people." Mr Robinson's departure fol-

lowed allegations of improper use of company resources. It was alleged that he had used society gardeners to carry out work on the grounds of his £450,000 home in Kent. Sources at the Woolwich also

claimed that Mr Robinson had wrongly authorised the use of a Range Rover for a member of his family and that unpaid decorating work had been carried out inside his house.

However, Mr Robinson strongly denied all the accusatious, claiming that he was the victim of a smear campaign against him by disgruntled Wool-wich employees who did not like his management style.

Tomkins acts to halt slide in share price

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Tomkins has moved to scotch rumours that its planned \$1.16bn acquisition of US automotive products business Gates Rubber is on the rocks.

Yesterday it also promised shareholders a 15 per cent dividend hike for the year to April in an unusual attempt to halt the recent slide in its share price.

Worried by the company's apparent failure to complete the Gates acquisition, announced six months ago, the market had pushed the shares from a high of 294p in January to 247p this

Greg Hutchings, chairman, said the acquisition of Gates, a privately owned automotive products maker, had proved more complicated than anticipated. He thought it was the

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first time a public company from the UK had attempted to buy a private US company with preference shares. The lack of a precedent had caused a

mountain of regulatory work. No promises were made about when the deal would be sewn up, but Mr Hutchings hoped to be able to announce completion within a few weeks. The delay had meant that Tomkins was unable to give its terday. Mr Hutchings accom-

usual briefing to analysts before its close season and the lack of information had led to the shares' recent weakness.

As well as promising the higher dividend, the 13th consecutive rise of at least 15 per cent, Tomkins said it would report profits of at least £320m in July. That was in line with market expectations and the shares bounced 8p to close at 255p yes-

When mankind meets machine, Mercury can help.

dividend rise with a warning that had weather had hit some of its markets, especially holding back US lawnmower sales in the important March and April buying months.

Tomkins has been one of the FT-SE 100's steadiest performers in recent years but has come adverse City sentiment. Investment Column, page 23

Facia in balance as talks continue

NIGEL COPE

LA VOI

The future ownership of Pacia. the retail empire controlled by Stephen Hinchliffe, remained uncertain last night after the company claimed it was in talks with several parties regarding possible deals.

The statement appears to contradict claims made by Texas American Group, a quoted US shell company, which says it has reached an agreement to acquire the assets and liabilities of Facia, which owns high street names including Sock Shop, Salisbury's, Saxone and Free-man Hardy Willis.

Though Facia confirmed talks have taken place with Texas American, it said the agreement "was not a done deal".

Facia stressed that it is also doing due diligence on Texas as well as vice versa. This appeared to leave the door open on a reverse takeover which would see Facia take control of Texas, enabling Mr Hinchliffe's group to gain a stock market listing in the US as well as ac-cess to much needed funds.

Texas is a shell company which has recorded no sales or profits for the past three years. hs chief executive is William Grosvenor, a London public relations consultant. "We have an agreed deal with Facia pending

> He added that if the deal goes through the company would says to raise funds on the US sto market to invest in Facia. The plan is for Mr Hinchliffe to remain a shareholder and play a role in running the business.

IN BRIEF

 Air France is in talks with at least four major U.S. airlines about a possible transatlantic alliance and hopes to have an agree-ment signed by the end of the year, the French state-owned airliner confirmed yesterday. Talks are most advanced with American Airlines, United Airlines, Delta and Continental, a spokeswoman said. Exploratory talks have been under way for some time, she added, but it was too early to speculate about what form the alliance might take. Air France, which hopes to be privatised in late 1997 or early 1998, is also exploring areas of cooperation with Asian carriers. But the loss-making carrier, which has been fighting its way back to financial health through big cost cuts and productivity measures, said in April that any alliance would probably be a commercial one such as a code-sharing agreement, rather than an equity investment.

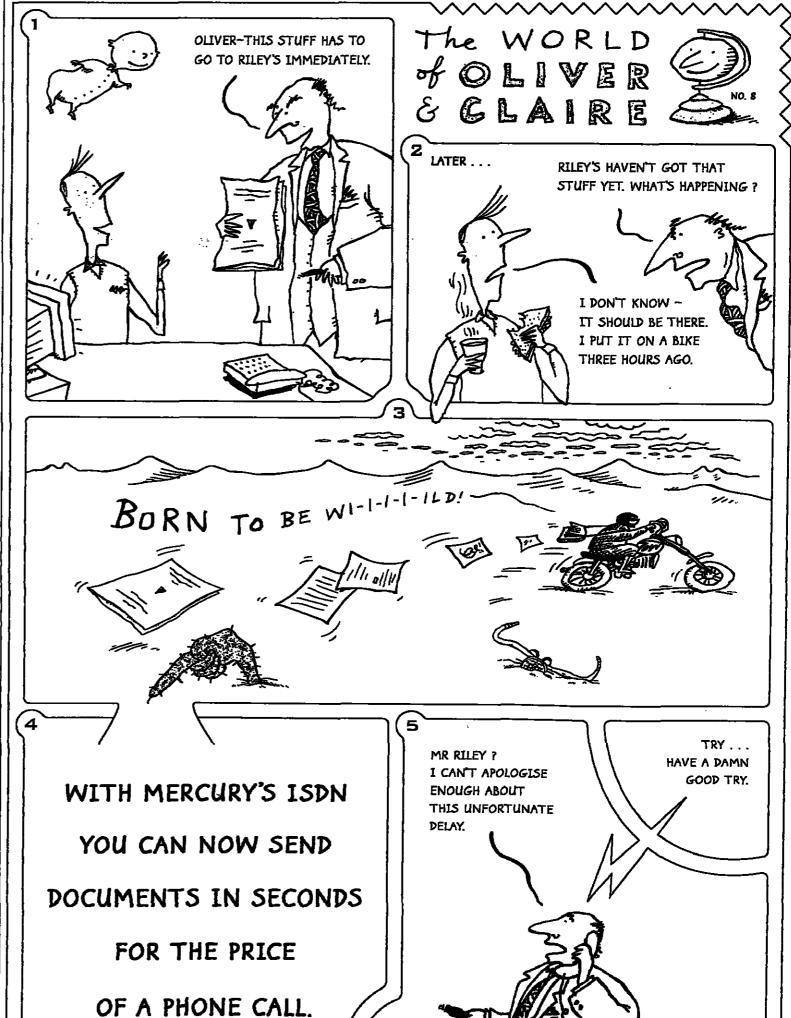
 Foreign & Colonial, the investment group, said yesterday that it is in talks to sell part or all of the 50 per cent stake in the fund management subsidiary it owns to Bayerische Hypo Bank, one of Germany's largest banks, which already owns the other half. The deal, which F&C stressed was still in its initial stages, could be worth up to £125m to the five F&C trusts that collectively hold half of Hypo Foreign & Colonial Management through a wholly owned company, Pountney Hill Holdings. The trusts have appointed Lazard Brothers to advise on the sale. HFCM is one of the fastest-growing fund management companies and recently completed the purchase of ESN, the electricity industry's £14.4bn pension fund. However, F&C admits that, unlike its German partner, it has tended to view HFCM more as a passive

 South Korea's Samsung is cutting semiconductor production by 15 per cent in what is being seen as an attempt to slow the decline in world chip prices. The company said its decision to cut the monthly output of its16 megabit DRAM to 12m units from 14m reflects the sharp downturn in international chip prices. An electronics analyst said: "Samsung's plan just reflects how despects the chip makers are." Samsung is the world's largest properate the chip makers are." Samsung is the world's largest producer of memory chips, which are widely used in personal

• General Motors plans to invest \$750m in a vehicle plant in Thailand. Donald Sullivan, president of GM's Asian and Pacific Operations, said that both Thailand and the Philippines were excellent locations. "However, in the final analysis, Thailand was our preferred location because of the strength of the domestic vehicle market, proven infrastructure and well-established supplier base,"

 Shares in International Service System, the Danish cleaning group, plunged on news of a big increase in provisions at its trou-bled US unit. ISS said it may have to make provisions and charges totalling \$100m to cover insurance laibilities and overstated earnings at the US subsidiary, whose chief financial officer has already left the company. ISS added it was unable to forecast full year profits due to the current uncertain outlook.

 The US economy grew at a slower pace than the government previously estimated in the first quarter as businesses shrank their stockpiles of unsold good for the first time on four years. Gross domestic product, the total amount of goods and services, rose Comment, page 21 at an annual rate of 2.3 per cent, the Commerce department said.

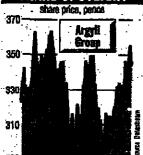


Speculators marry off Asda and Argyll on a dull day

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inevitable intriguing story hovered a little below the surface just waiting to be discovered. The talk was that Asda and

merger captured the imagina-

tion of the more alert specu-

lators as, on a dull day, the

Argyll Group were thinking of linking to create the nation's super retailing chain, outstripping the current frontrunners, J Sainsbury and Tesco. Asda, up 1p at 119p, lin-gered just below its recent peak; Argyll, the Safeway chain, rose 2p to 346.5p, with-in hailing distance of its 12-

month high.
The theory is that Archie Norman, after rescuing Asda, needs a new challenge. Argyll with management changes imminent, could do with an in-jection of Mr Norman's enthusiasm. The two groups would represent a snug fit with little overlap to taunt the monopoly tendencies of

A rumoured superstores Whitehall It was the sort of day when stock market imagination often runs riot and the Asda/Argyle story may be no exception. But there is no doubt something stronger than a sneaking suspicion exists that Mr Norman, after his Asda success, has a significant

corporate deal up his sleeve. Of all the supermarket chains Asda and Argyll have a related approach and could find merging a relatively painless exercise.

The rest of the market was in dismal retreat with the FT-SE 100 index off 29 points at 3,746.7. The closeness of the Israeli election, new problems for President Clinton and the feeling US interest rate will move higher combined to undermine sentiment.

The weakness of government stocks is becoming an in-creasingly serious contribution to the malaise afflicting equi-ties. Yesterday's three point de-



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of the year

hotel group, was again busily traded with volume put at 19.5

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Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch group, was ruffled by the threat

of another round of price cut-

ting from Procter & Gamble,

the US giant. The shares fell

cline piled on the agony. British Gas had another day of recovery, climbing 5p to 189.5p. SBC Warburg was behind the latest advance. The securities house decided to ignore the current climate and put Gas back on its buy list. It takes the view the pipeline company could be worth 216p and the rump somewhere be-

tween 24p and 62p. Other utilities took a breather after this week's heady excitement and even Southern Water seemed too tired to respond to suggestions ScottishPower would return with a higher offer, falling 5p

15p to 1,211p.

Albright & Wilson, the chemical group, edged forward 3p to 183p on a US analysts' visit and Camas the to 982p.

Ladbroke, the betting and building materials group.

moved 1.5p to 86.5p on analyst meetings. computer group placed at 70p, gained a further 11p to 121p. meetings.

Hanson slipped 2.5p to 189p. ABN Amro Hoare Govett has put a 213p valuation on the soon-to-be-demerged group. Tomkins, the burs to uns conglomerate, forecast

better-than-expected profits and dividends and lifted the shares 9p to 256p. Incheape, the international trading group, gained 5p to 296p: NatWest Securities de-scribed the shares as "cheap".

Vendome fell 18p to 627p as the expected bid from Richemont failed to materialise. Amey, the construction group, bounded 17p to 293p; Schroders investment arm has acquired 9.5 per cent. The shares have recently been gai-

tenance contract. Newcomer Whitecross, the market's first dentist, traded at 95p against an 84p placing

vanised by a British Rail main-

World Fluids, which has said it is near to completing a substantial acquisition, rose 0.5p to 5.25p and bid speculation lifted Chesterton International, the property consultant, 10p to 120p; Bar-boar Index, a specialist infor-mation group, gained 30p to 425p with vague talk of bid ac-

tivity in the air.

The sharp little scrap over Brightstone Properties ended with bidder Clarke Nickolls & Combs, a former sweet maker, winning acceptance with an increased offer of £9.22m. Agreement means a proposed Brightstone link with ubiquitous entrepreneur Luke Johnson had been abandoned.

Highbury House Commu-nications, the former Harrison Kilbride, continued its recent intriguing run, gaining 1.5p to 22p. The publisher was rescued last year through a cash call. TAKING STOCK

Profits

group, rose 2.5p to 6p, a peak, on hopes the proposed blocked by Whitehall. The offering the right to buy a share at 55p against the current price of 67p. Most observers believe if Thstock's deal goes through, making it Britnin's biggest brick maker, its shares should quickly pull away from 67p.

ing electricity to business users, could enjoy a significant premium when dealing, start today. Placed at 100p the shares could bead towards 120p. The £3,2m raised through the placing, by stockused to expand its marketing

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Profits bounce back at LIG

The recent history of London In-ternational will give encouragement to those who still preach the virtues of business focus. LIG's massive losses in 1993/94 were due to the sale of an illstarred diversification into photographic processing and hefty provisions to enable the group to be rebuilt on the foundations of its original Durex condoms to rubber gloves business. Even after a £115m rights issue at 70p, there were sceptics aplenty two years ago who said that new management led by chief executive Nick Hodges still faced an uphill task in setting the group to

ing proved misplaced. Yesterday, LIG reported pre-tax profits lifted 72 per cent to £26.2m for the year to March, the second of the new management's promised three year recovery programme. The group looks on target to meet its aims of a 15 per cent operating return by next July. Last year's 10.1 per cent margin (see table) would have been 11 per cent but for continuing problems in making the new Avanti polyurethane condom, which ac-counted for an additional £3.1m of costs. The cost savings promised in 1994

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rights. But their doubts are rapidly be-

are also coming through, albeit slowly. Around half of last year's £4.6m savings are said to have come through from the £45m plant rationalisation programme, with possibly up to £3m more to come. There should be further benefits from the £8m shake-up at Aladan, the US consumer and surgical gloves group acquired for £46m in April into which the existing US operations are now being poured.

But with most of the unwanted brands like Wrights Coal Tar Soap and Woodward's gripe water gone, the main part of the restructuring is now over and the market is increasingly looking to where LIG goes from here.

The marketing budget, starved under the old regime, is rapidly being restored, climbing 37 per cent to £31.4m last year. As a result, volumes contributed around a third of last year's 15 per cent underlying rise in condom sales to £117m. That is around 1 percentage point ahead of the growth in the market, which is an impressive per-formance for the world leader. At around 22 per cent, LIG already has close to double the share of its nearest rival so against the background of slow growth in the overall market, LIG needs to show that it can continue to both push through price increases and maintain its thrust into new markets like the Far East, Latin America and eastern Europe.

New products like Avanti - stronger and less smelly than latex condoms and the Biogel Neotech non-latex,

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London International : at a glance

Market value: £525m, share price 1530

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powder-free medical glove should also help margins, if not sales. But assuming profits hit £38.5m this year, the shares, 3p higher at 153p, are well up with events on a forward p/e of 20.

Tomkins offers reassurance

the long uphill struggle to convince the market of the merits of its purchase of RHM, its failure to dot the i's and cross the t's of its latest big deal, the £800m acquisition of automotive products group Gates, and the market's mistrust of conglomerates in the wake of a profits warning from BTR, have conspired to clobber the shares.

Having started the year not far short of 300p, they had fallen as low as 247p by the middle of the week, when the decision was taken to try to stem the slide with a reassuring trading and div-

It appears to have done the trick - kets of Europe and Australia, and a

Owidends per share (pence) 8.14

5-year record

Pre-tax prefits (2m)

the shares bounced 8p to 255p yesterday as investors were reminded that a better-than-expected dividend rise of 15 per cent to 9.95p would represent the 13th consecutive rise in the payout of at least 15 per cent.

As far as trading is concerned there were no real surprises. Bad weather hit the important March/April lawnmower buying season in the US, but that had

been expected.
Forecast profits of £320m were bang Tomkins has had an extremely trying in line with market expectations and first half to 1996. Having seemingly won from being one of the lumbering di-nosaurs that Hanson and BTR have evolved into.

It may do itself no favours in the City by refusing to bow to the altar of focus, as Williams has done, but it can produce a fairly compelling statistical argument that its spread of activities

Reassured that the Gates deal is back on track, if a bit delayed, investors can re-focus on Tomkins' plentiful attractions. Unlike BTR, for example, it is still small enough to grow meaningfully. it has little exposure to the difficult mar-

strong balance sheet. It would be wrong to forget also that the company is one of only five on the London market to have increased its dividend by more than 15 per cent for the past 10 years. On the basis of forecast profits of £442m to next April, the shares at 255p stand on a prospective price/earnings ratio of only 12, backed up by a forward yield of 5.5 per cent. Very good value.

M&G's crown slips askew

M&G once had a claim to be described as the Marks & Spencer of the retail savings industry. But unlike the retailer, M&G's crown has been slipping a little of late. On the face of it, yesterday's 18 per cent rise in interim profits to £31.2m for the six months to March was respectable enough and M&G's shares dipped just 8p to £11.96. Gross sales of unit and investment trusts soared by £161m, or 41 per cent, to £558m in the period, helping M&G retain its posi-tion as market leader in the sector. But maintaining this leading role has been achieved at some cost. In January 1994.

achieved at some cost. In January 1994, the group dropped the traditional "front-end" charge on its key PEP products to revive flagging sales.

That has clearly had the desired effect, although M&G had a following wind from a booming stock market and a buoyant unit and investment trust market. It also had the benefit in the latest six months of the launch of the M&G Equity Investment Trust, which pulled in £156m of new funds, includ-

ing £131m in Peps. In all, funds under management were 25 per cent higher at £15.3bn over the past year, which looks impressive until you compare it against rivals. Perpetual has seen funds grow by a massive 60 per cent a year over the past five, admittedly from a low base.

M&G has done well with its unsung institutional fund management side, which added £355m of new money in the six months and now represents well over a third of the total. Early signs of the long-awaited recovery in life and pensions is also good news.

But M&G faces a number of problems. Margins are clearly increasing-ly under pressure, the performance of its funds has been less than sparkling and, perhaps most seriously, a flood of retail money into unit trusts is usually a sure sign of the end of a bull market. Pre-exceptional profits of £73m this year would put the shares on a forward rating of 18. High enough.

Warburg kicks the ball around with bets on euro

CITY DIARY

NIGEL COPE

Economists at SBC Warburg have clearly had a bit of time on their hands recently. They have turned their thoughts to the impending European football championships. weaving in a dash of political and economic comment on all the participating nations. It is all neath packaged in the bank's newly published Euro 96 Special.

But using a deft piece of footwork even Gazza would be proud of, it has used the football tournament as a metaphor for monetary union, pondering the chances of the various countries achieving the criteria for monetary union by 1999. England comes bottom with

a 10 per cent chance (jointly with Greece) while Germany is seen as the most likely with a 90 per cent probability. As for the footie, the economists are tipping Spain to beat the Netherlands in the final with England reaching the quarter-final stages. Rather disloyally they reckon Switzerland won't make it past the preliminary stages.

Tony Knox, the chairman of City PR firm Financial Dynamics, is recovering at home after a triple by-pass heart operation. Mr Knox, 50, went into hospital last Wednesday and is expected to be away from City spindoctoring for three to four weeks. The operation comes

18 years with the company she has been involved in several record-breaking sales. In 1990, one of her clients narrowly missed out in the bidding for the Van Gogh portrait of his physician, Dr Gachet. At \$82m it remains the most expensive

Ms Reinshagen was one of three vice-chairmen announced by Christie's yesterday. The others are Francois Curiel and



Doing a Gazza: Warburg ousts England in the quarter-final

as a surprise to many who know Tony as a fit fellow who regularly works out and wields a mean racket on the tennis court. FD says "he's fine and making a good recovery."

Meanwhile, the company is on the verge of signing a deal with its French majority shareholder which will see the French company buy out the directors who own 35 per cent of the company. It will then introduce a scheme that will distribute the company's shares more widely among the staff. In other words. wonga all round.

Yorkshire Water, the company that would struggle to run a bath even if it did have any water, has a fresh

Maria Reinshagen (pictured right) was named as vice-chairman of Christie's Europe yesterday. The appointment makes her the most senior woman in the auction house's European operations. The promotion is the Swiss businesswoman's second barrier-breaking appointment. In 1994 she was the first woman to be appointed to the board of UBS.

Ms. Reinshagen is described as "an effective business-getter" and has been running Christie's office in Zurich. In her

work of art ever sold at auction.

with. It is being blamed for a decline in local tourism. The reason is that holidaymakers have been shying away from the region for fear that local hotels and guesthouses will be affected by water restrictions, "They don't want to find themselves bathing in a bucket," one local said. Sir Desmond Pitcher of

set of problems to contend

United Utilities is well known for his confidence in his own abilities. He has now taken to making up new words. In the company's results presentation vesterday he referred to the country's "abordinary" weather conditions over the last year. Does he mean abnormal, or extra-



Redland gives warning after harsh winter

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

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Rudolph Agnew celebrated his first annual meeting as chairman of building materials group Redland with a profits warning, confirming the difficult conditions affecting the construction industry in the UK and Europe.

This year the picture is further clouded by the appalling weather conditions during the winter throughout Europe which have depressed first-quarter results substantially," he told shareholders. These conditions lasted un-

til the end of February in the UK and the end of March in continental Europe. Since then. volumes have returned to around expected levels although the underlying level is still slightly below last year in most European operating com-

Redland's shares fell 8p to pleted in July.

close at 398p on the news as Mr Agnew added: "The poor start to the year is expected to lead to group profits in the first half being well down on 1995 levels." He thought the second half would be broadly in line with the

same period last year. Last year, first-half profits amounted to £165m; for the full

year they were £373m.

Mr Agnew told shareholders that he expected a recovery in the UK housing market to lead to improved volumes in the second half. German housing permits had also stabilised after falling 25 per cent over the year. Recent data suggested there had been a modest recovery in permits in the west of Germany.

The gloomy trading news from Redland followed a period of intense corporate restructuring which had seen the company sell its UK brick business to Ibstock for £160m, a deal which is expected to be com-

The group's roofing interests have also been reorganised with the creation of Redland Braas Building, which combines the existing businesses of Redland's German associate with its own operations in Britain, France, the Netherlands and other European countries. RBB will be the world's largest roof-tiling busi-ness with a 30 per cent market

share in Europe. Redland has come through a torrid start to the 1990s when it struggled with weak construction markets and high debts, partly incurred by overpaying for rival materials group Steetley. Shareholders ended up suffering a dividend cut in two stages, from 25p to 16.7p.
Analysts believe it is now in

better shape, however, with £220m in cash from the Braas restructuring and gearing of only 24 per cent putting it in a better position to concentrate on its core businesses.



Rudolph Agnew: Warned that first-half profits would be down on the previous year

benefits M&G

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Strong global equity markets and booming sales of unit trusts and personal equity plans helped M&G, one of the largest UK fund managers, to a post an 18 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profils to £34.4m.

The increase followed a 25 per cent rise to £15.3bn in the group's funds under management compared with the same period last year.

However, M&G's share of the unit trust market dipped from 10.9 to 10.2 per cent.

Sir David Money-Coutts, group chairman at M&G, said: Over the six-month period, [our] revenue grew by 14 per cent to £70m, a record high for the Group. The increase was mainly in our annual fee revenue and was the result of the a combination of the rising rise in the FT-SE All Share Index over the period."
Sir David added: "We ... ex-

pect the balance of our revenues

tel-hift in favour of annual fees away from initial charges. la recent years, M&G has moved away from levying initial charges on its PEPs. If policyholders dispose of their invest-

ment they face exit charges on a sliding scale.

Compensation payments of about £200,000 each were made to Tony Shearer and Alan Oddie, former chief operating officer and managing director of M&G's life and pensions arm

respectively. Mr Shearer left in January after a clash of personalities with managing director David Mor-gan. Mr Oddie departed in March after his operations area was amalgamated with the unit trust business. M&G stressed yesterday that the payments were part of the group's obligations to both employees, who were on 12-month contracts.

David Watson, finance di-rector, said that sales of PEPs and unit trusts had been affected by new competition and popularity of index-tracking and guaranteed funds. M&G had invested in smaller companies and recovery stocks, impacting slightly on performance and on sales.

The continuing economic recovery should ensure improving returns from M&G's portfolio of recovery stocks, Mr Watson said. | pected to raise £6.5m million.

Boom in PEPs | Cortecs blood kit approved in US

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Cortecs International, the fledgling biotechnology group, took another step towards maturity yesterday after au-nouncing it had received US approval for its rapid blood diagnostic kit.

The shares gained 9p to 369p as the green light from the powerful Food & Drug Administration opens up the world's largest market for the Helisal kits, which test for the presence of Helicobacter pylori, the bug associated with duodenal and gastric ulcers.

H. pylori is carried by around a third of the world's population and although most do not show any symptoms, it is now known to be the most common cause of gastritis and peptic ulcers, the company says. It has also been linked with stomach cancer and heart disease and branded a "class-

one carcinogen" by the World Health Organisation. Using a pin-prick blood sample given in a doctor's surgery, Helisal can within five minutes give a test for the bacteria equivalent to that available claims. Once the bug has been identified, duodenal ulcers can he treated relatively rapidly with drugs like Astra's Losec. The market for the kit is worth an estimated \$100m to \$150m. the company believes.

Cortecs has been selling the kits in the UK for the past two be generating a "seven-figure" turnover. It has also been launched in around 25 countries around the world following the signature of a

which will also handle sales of Helisal in the US. However, it faces competition from two domestic producers of rival kits, including one marketed by Abbott Diagnostics. Cortees hopes to have a second-generation, single-step kit on the market later this year and years and they are now said to wants to introduce a non-invasive product based on saliva. It is also working on tests for

osteoporosis and diabetes. Separately, Chiroscience announced shareholders had takmarketing deal with on up 78.7 per cent of the Boehringer Mannheim, a Ger-shares offered in its recent from a laboratory, Cortecs man pharmaceutical group, £40.3m placing and open offer.

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Cellphone newcomer signs up Orange

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

European Telecom, the international distributor of cellular phones and accessories, has added Orange to its list of suppliers, from July, the company announced yesterday.

The news came as the company confirmed it was placing 9.6 million shares at 115p in a flotation valuing it at £36m. The flotation, which is ex-

Friedlander, and is aimed at reducing debt and providing capital to underwrite further expansion.

Dealings in European Telecom, which operates in around 50 countries, are due to start in London on 6 June. European Telecom supplies 1,400 customers, including leading manufacturers Nokia, Ericsson and Motorola. Sales last year were £78.5m.

The company was founded

is underwritten by Singer & by Warren Hardy, who will re- lowing free roaming from shares, worth about £29.5m. Based near Heathrow Airport, its sales have risen from just £170,000 in 1991 to £78.5m last year, while profits have grown

from £6,000 to £2,44m. The company aims to ride the boom in the sale of products for the mobile markel, particularly in countries such as Italy where growth rates have been very high. The introduction of digital equipment, al-

tain about 70 per cent of the country to country and far more reliable connections, has given the market an added boost, telecoms analysts say. There are also high expectations for so-called wireless office technology, allowing fax and other data exchange using

> ropean telecoms market from 1998 is also expected to give a boost to equipment suppliers and manufacturers.

IN BRIEF

Alpha Airports has warned of a decline in first-half profits as a result of losses in its US kitchens and a lower spend per passenger on flight catering. The flight services and retail group told its annual meeting, however, that it had seen an 8 per cent increase in the number of passengers passing through airports in which it operates. Alpha also said the airport operator BAA had ledged not to discontinue its management contracts to run dutyfree operations for retailer Allders at London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports if BAA buys the Allders business.

 Whitecross, the first quoted dentist, made a reasonable start to trading on AIM yesterday. Although the shares failed to live up to recent break-neck market debuts, they moved up to an 11p premium, finding a level of 95p in thin trade. The company raised just £825,000 with the issue of 982,143 shares at 84p. The cash will be used to fund the group's expansion. It plans to open nine new London surgeries.

 Ransomes, the Ipswich-based lawnmower manufacturer, returned to the dividend list at the half-way stage. Interim results showed a 10 per cent rise in sales to £102.9m from which profits of £6.7m (£5m) were struck. After a rise in earnings per share from 1.9p to 3p, a 0.5p dividend is to be paid.

· Jefferson Smurfit Group said it expected the sharp fall in demand for most of its products to result in a difficult 1996. The weak economies of much of Europe in the first half of the year had also led to a fall-off in product prices, the paper group told its annual meeting. In the US, demand for the first quarter was poor, with most product prices showing sharp declines. Its Latin American companies also suffered from the effects of both low US demand and lower pricing. Profits, however, have held up well there, it said. Results have been mixed in the UK and Ireland. but the company can look forward to a more positive second half of the year, the company said.

PowerGen has appointed Colin Short as deputy chairman with effect from the company's annual meeting on 15 July. Mr Short is chairman of United Biscuits.

 House of Fraser directors faced criticism for its poor profit per-formance and its marketing strategy from shareholders attending yesterday's annual general meeting. "House of Fraser stores are dull," said one shareholder, while another said they were visually unexciting and lacking in innovation when compared with competitors such as Marks and Spencer and Burton's Debenhams chain. The chairman, Brian McGowan, said the current financial year has started "encouragingly" with like-for-like sales for the first 17 weeks of the year up by 5.1 pct. But he warned that problems with own bought ladieswear and plans to clear old-fashion stocks meant gross margin improvements would not be evident until the second half.

Quicks Group said profits for the first quarter of 1996 are in line with a very strong corresponding period last year and trading conditions are currently strong. The group told the annual meeting that it had seen an encouraging improvement in new car retail sales from April onwards, while used car sales have continued an upward trend which has been evident since the start of 1996. This was "welcome confirmation that the private buyer is now returning to the market", it added.

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	Ternover £	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend
AEI Leisure (1)	42.8m (42.1m)	1 8m (1 8m)	3.6p (4.2p)	1.42p (1.42p)
Bett Brothers (I)	14 Ocn (15.2m)	1.7m (3 0m)	9 69p (13.44p)	1 75p (1.75p)
David Glass Assoc (F)	1,33m (1 04m)	0 <i>57</i> m (0.12m)	7 37p (1.69p)	2р (-)
Learnmath & Borchell (F)	25 9m(23.8m)	-0 54m (-5.3m)	-2.3p (-24.7p)	ni (nil)
London Lettel Group (F)	319m (287m)	75.2m (15.2m)	5.76p (4.02p)	2p (1p)
Mid Kent Halps (F)	41.4m (37 (lm)	12.3m (8.3m)	58.7p (37.3p)	24p (12 5p)
M&G Group (I)	- (-)	31.2m (26.5m)	28 8p (25p)	16p (14p)
Raylon Properties (F)	28.0m (19.8m)	2.4m (5.6m)	1.22p (3.33p)	1 1p (1p)
Rangemes (f)	103m (93.5m)	6.7m (5.0m)	3p (1.9p)	0.5p (nit)
South Wasi Wasier (F)	314m (286m)	109m (63.2m)	77 7p (43.7p)	3.5p (27.3p)
Triad Group (F)	11.7m (6.70 m)	2.1m (1.1m)	5 86p (3 3p)	oil (1.94p)
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A weakness at the heart of the German solution

It has been another bad week for Hilmar Kopper, the chairman of Deutsche Bank. Klöckner-Humboldt-Deutz, the engineering group in which Deutsche has a 48 per cent stake, has uncovered huge losses that threaten its very survival. Nobody seems to have been more surprised than Deutsche.

Once again, the relationship between German companies, their shareholders and their bankers is coming under intense scrutiny. The country where stakeholders really matter, where owners, managers, bankers and employees are all supposed to have a say in the running of their companies, is having a serious attack of self-doubt.

With 15 people, including Paul Hochscherf, KHD's deputy chairman, now under investigation for alleged fraud and embezziement, a

grisly tale appears to be unfolding at the heart of German industry. The story is becoming an all-too-familiar one, in which only the name of the company in trouble seems to change. Deutsche Bank's image has been badly taruished in recent years by a series of difficulties involving firms in which it was deeply involved as lender, shareholder or both.

Remember Metallgesellschaft, the engineering and metals group that suddenly discovered huge losses in commodities, and the Schneider property group, whose chairman fled the country when his financial difficulties were discovered? Jürgen Schneider is now in a Frankfurt jail

Perhaps most serious of all the Deutsche imbroglios, although it was not remotely a criminal case, has been the mess made over the last few

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engineering and aerospace group.

At Daimler's annual meeting last week. Mr Kopper was sharply criti-cised by shareholders for his role in the fall from grace of a company in which Deutsche owns a dominant 24.4 per cent stake. Indeed, Mr Kopper is head of Daimler-Benz's supervisory board, and shareholders

has been one of the sternest critics Last year it lost a whopping of the German system, and a de-bunker of what he sees as the myths that circulate abroad about the dominant role of the banks in German

This may seem odd, given Deutsche's deep involvement with KHD, Metallgesellschaft, Schneider and Daimler, troubled companies where his bank does indeed have took the not unreasonable view that a powerful direct interest. But it is he ought to have known something a fact that ownership and influence a red herring. The significance of about the problems earlier.

a fact that ownership and influence in German industry are much more Deutsche Bank's problems is that it in German industry are much more

Deutsche has fallen down in its role as a large shareholder rather than as banker

as one of the bluest of blue-chip banks that has been damaged. The series of corporate embarrassments involving the bank have also shown up the weaknesses of the once much-praised German system of corporate governance, and shaken the confidence of some of the enthusiasts for importing German methods to the UK.

Many of the Labour Party's stakefavourable analyses of the German system for company ownership and control, in which owners share influence with bankers and workers.

It is not just Deutsche's reputation complex than they seem at first

So are the banking relationships, in a country where a large propor-tion of the banks are owned by regional and local governments rather than private shareholders.

The idealised and, until recently, influential view of the German system is that bankers ensure that managers in industry have the holding ideas can be traced back to are shielded from the short-term pressures that stock markets bring to bear on British and American

They exercise their benevolent inyears by the management of Daim- Curiously, in the light of his role fluence at two levels: by sitting on su- bid to get anything done about a to force-feed British industry on Ger-ler-Benz, Germany's most important in recent events, Mr Kopper himself pervisory boards and by supplying management that has gone wrong. man methods, and the earlier en-

finance to the management.
Colin Mayer, an Oxford professor

and one of the leading researchers in the area, pointed out in a paper last week for the left-of-centre Institute of Public Policy Research that major involvement of the banks in German companies in fact applied to only a small sector of German industry.

The reality is that there are high levels of concentration and control of German companies both by family shareholders and by other companies that own stakes, rather than

Indeed, it is beginning to look as if the question of bank involvement in German industry is something of has fallen down in its role as a large shareholder rather than as banker to the companies in trouble.

The lessons have not been over-looked in Germany. Managers and shareholders are now looking abroad for new ideas to help them overcome the rigidities and inefficiencies of

their own system. At the heart of German corporate governance is the two-tier board. The top tier, or supervisory board. is drawn from a variety of interests, including bankers, shareholders and employees. Since the supervisory board knows the company better than outsiders, it should in theory be in a better position than anyone finance for long-term investment and else to monitor the performance of

> The case for the German system is that it avoids what one enthusiast called "the expensive absurdity" of having to wait for a hostile takeover

In the critics' spotlight: Hilmar Kopper is facing difficult questions about supervision at Daimler

But after Daimler-Benz, it is hard to thusiasm among some of the party's

likelihood of the Conservative government importing two-tier boards to the UK, since opposition to the idea is firmly entrenched throughout British industry.

And despite the rhetoric from the Labour Party about a stakeholder society, there seems little inclination

take this line of argument very seriously.

There was, of course, never any policymakers has been discarded.

Alistair Darling, the City spokesman, made clear in a speech last week that Labour was now in-

> away from radical legislation on corporate governance. British companies may not be run any better than their counterparts in

make it hard to believe they are significantly worse. As Professor Mayer suggested, the stakeholder bandwagon may even be getting under way in the UK just at the

wrong moment. clined to build on the British tradi-If anything the flexibility of the tion and not try to import German British system for running compa-nies, with its single-tier boards, powpatterns for running companies. In other words. Labour has backed erful executive managements and widely dispersed shareholdings, may have some special advantages of its own at a time of accelerating tech-Germany, but cases such as KHD nical change and competition.

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US	15346	9-7	24-21	1000	_	_	0.6526
Canada	21002	11-3	50-37	1.3686	2-1	2-0	0.8932
Germany	2356	53-46	69-149	15323	26-24	84-81	10000
France	79619	152-130	436-405	5,1882	73- 66	217-207	3.3859
italy	23779	75-90	221-246	15495	57-64	170-182	1011.23
Japan	165.12	75-70	225-218	10750	45-44	136-133	70.2212
EČU	12465	15-11	45-40	12312	7-8	23-25	0.5301
Belgium	48351	12-9	34-29	31508	6-5	18-16	20.5622
Denmark	90933	175-133	529-436	59190	85-65	270-220	38628
Netherlands	26318	68-59	197-184	17150	35-32	107-102	11192
ireland	0.9742	10-6	24-18	15753	4-7	12-17	0.4143
Norway	10059	116-64	329-233	65551	42-17	-110-60	42779
Spain	198.19	26-36	72-89	129.15	23-27	64-72	84.2818
Sweden	10.397	9-15	23-34	6.7753	98-123	260-310	44217
Switzerland	19313	65-59	196-184	12585	37-34	113-107	0.8213
Australia*	19290	20-31	67-65	12569	19-21	54-56	08203
Hong Kong	11.873	101-61	224-170	7.7370	2-12	15-35	50493
Malaysia	3,8358	0-0	0-0	24995	4-14	60-60	16312
New Zealand	22460	43-57	133-156	14635	30-32	88-90	09551
Saudi Arabia	5.7554	0-0	0-0	3.7504	2-7	9-14	24476
Singapore	21643	0-0	0-0	14103	41-30	103-88	09204

Other Spot Rates										
Country	Sterling	Dollar	Country	Sterling	Dollar					
Argentina	15332	0,9988	Nigeria	130015	84,7000					
Austrie.	16.5461	10,7820	Oman	0.5910	0.3850					
8razil	15295	0.9965	Pakistan	534106	347952					
China	12.7809	8,3263	Philippines	40.2477	262200					
Egypt	5.2787	3,4407	Portugal	242390	157950					
Finland	72664	4,7338	Clatter	55876	36 120					
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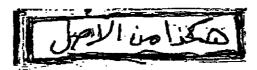
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Carson breaks free of Oaks ban

CHRIS CORRIGAN

Willie Carson's Epsom gamble paid off yesterday and he can now ride next Friday in what may well be his final Oaks. The 53-year-old jockey successfully appealed at the Cur-

ragh yesterday against a five-day han which would have ruled him out of the fillies' Classic on the first day of the three-day Derby meeting. Had Carson's appeal failed

the Irish stewards could have extended the ban - forcing him to miss the Derby too. But a beaming Carson emerged from yesterday's hearing saying: "The stewards have been very kind to

met during his Irish 1,000 filly's going."

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at a cost of 250,000 francs

Go With The Wind

Guineas victory on Matiya last Saturday.

Carson is now free to ride the John Dunlop-trained Bint Salsabil in the Oaks. In fact, he can resume riding from Tuesday at the end of a seven-day ban awarded by the Lingfield stew-ards, following his riding of Kamari at the Surrey track on

Before returning from Ireland the jockey explained: "I wore the wrong helmet by mistake, it was not deliberate that the incorrect one was packed in my bag. I was worrying about other things on the day."

Carson once more gave a broad hint that retirement from the saddle could be this year: "I am very excited. I can now look forward to the Oaks which The ban had been imposed for wearing an unapproved hel-

Baroque heads for Chantilly

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High Baroque, Peter Chapple-Hyam's unbeaten Chester Vase Chapple-Hyam is likely to be three-handed at Chantilly be-

terday for Sunday's Prix du tor Place (Pat Eddery) and Jockey-Club (French Derby) Polaris Flight (Michael Ki-

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Loft-hand course, undulating and sharp. Not suitable for the

incurrently course, uncomming and snarp. Not smalle for the long-straing horse.

Receccurse is NW of town on Ad 13t. Durlington station 14m - buts service to course. ADMISSION: Out 511: Takersalls 57; Caurse 51:50 (under 18s free into all enclosures). CAR PARK: Members 52, remainder Free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Happy Tycoon (3.20); Game To Heaven (1.50) & Rankaldade (3.50); Ramsey Hope (4.20); Four Lane Physr (usored, 2.50) & Bathusem (visored, 2.50); Go With The Wind

(visored, 4.50). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Limerick Princess (1.30)

won at Haydock last Pricky. LONG-DISTAINCE RUNNERS: Time Clash (4.20) & Chile's Se-eret (4.50) sent 253 miles from B Palling's Ystradowen stable in South Glumorgan.

2.20 STAPLETON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 270 fillies 5f

2.50 CROFT SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 1m 2f 39yds

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2 3000-00 HITIMANN (FR) (A) Nr5 A Sentont 4 8 12 ____ 1 Wesser 3 Y
3 0 LITTLE RED (14) R Cagg 5 8 12 ____ P Fessey (5) 5
4 2063 MITHENIC (900) W Cunnegram 4 8 12 _____ 1 Tate 11
5 1220-0 NORTH ARDAR (244) (2(D) Mis Mithenity 6 8 12 .5 Copp (7) 8
42/130-0 RAASED (7) (0) F Watson 4 8 12 _____ 0 M Feston 6
7 2400-25 TROURADOUR SONG (94) W Haigh 4 8 12 ____ 0 Uthina 10
8 0 WHATASHOMMANI (12) S Kentewelf 4 8 12 ____ 0 Uthina 7
9 0D BOWAND PARK (14) E Asson 5 8 7 _____ 1 Charmock 2
10 3 EUTE BLISS (14) M Carmoch 4 8 7 _____ 1 Feston 6
11 630-000 FOUR LANE FLYER (7) E Atson 4 8 7 _____ 1 Feston 12
12 3 1400-60 SIMAND (12) G Moore 4 8 7 _____ K Darley 1

BETTING: 5-2 North Ardar, 7-2 Miss Zanziber, 5-1 Elita Bliss, 6-1 Trou-bedow Song, 7-1 Simand, 8-1 Razsed, 12-1 Heathyards Magic, Intimaam, 16-1 Whattashowman, Mithraic, Four Loan Flyer, 20-1 others

HYPERION

6.35 Fijon 7.05 Summer Queen 7.35 Flocheck

8.05 Miletrian Refurb 8.35 Don Bosio 9.05 Sis-

STALLS: Straight course - lar side; round course - prome:

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Seems of little consequence.

Laft-hand, galloping course. Four furtong run-in bends to the
left and is uphill all the way.

Racecourse is two miles NW of city near A431. Buth station

wo miles away. ADMISSION: Club \$12; Tautersails 58; Silver Ring \$4; Course \$1. CAR PARK: Centre of course \$5 for car plus

BLINERRED FIEST TIME: Besood (visored) (6.35); Shamend (7.35); Astral's Chance (8.05) & Wire Act (8.05). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE BUNNEES: Standown (3.05) sent 213 miles from J. Berry's Cockerham stable in Lancardine; Ewer Bold (7.36)

drn er and \$1 for each passenger; remainder free.

13 1400-60 SIMAND (12) G Moore 4 8 7

GOING: Good.

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LITTLE BLUE I Easterby 7 13....
MADAM POPPY C June 7 13...
MISKIN HEIGHTS N Busin 7 13...

Baroque.

Carson gave evidence at the appeal as did Dr Walter Halley. who reported Carson for wearing the unapproved headgear af-ter seeing it on a table in the Curragh weighing room when Carson was weighing in after Matiya's win. John Harvey, the

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Who's To Say (Stratford 8.20) **NB: Goodwood Rocket** (Bath 9.05)

clerk of the scales also appeared before the hearing. Afterwards, a grim-faced Dr Halley refused to comment as he left the Irish Turf Club and got into his car.

cause of back problems.

3.20 WENSLEY SPRINT HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 5f

3.50 PEN HILL CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 addled 5f

4.20 GRINTON HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200

4.50 MUKER RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 4f

7.35 FRIDAY EVENING HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 2m 1f 34yds

1 00-52 FLOCHECK (ISSA) (25) J Dunbo 9 7. Pat Eddary 8
2 553 EMAR BOUD (22) C British 9 7 . B Doyle 2
3 0405 SHALEDEND (4) M Channon 9 3. P P Marphy (5) 7
4 0-34038 HAMBERTOON (ISSA) (7) E Dunbo 9 1. Paul Eddary 5 B
5 0-065 AMMARDA (11) R Americang 8 11 . R Hills 9
6 000 HAMBERTOON (ISSA) (7) E Dunbo 9 1. Paul Eddary 5 B
6 000 HAMBON (15) M Channon 8 0 . R Hills 9
7 052-064 STERLING FELLOW (9) R Hamnon 7 13 . S sandom 1
8 00-003 SHAMANDO (ISSA) (25) B Meetran 7 10 . J F Egen 10 B
9 0000-46 SLEBRALLY YOURS (111) L M Hell 7 10 . Machine Duyler (5) 4
10 000-0 LOUISMAN PURCHASE (91) IL M Hell 7 10 . Machine Duyler (5) 4
Minimum weight: 7st 100. True handlops weights: Stamand 7st 8b. (Begally Yours 7st 2b. Louisham Purchase 6st 11b.
BETTIME 7-4 Flochpoit, 7-2 Ener Boid, 9-2 Alwanya, 11-2 Hambitoon, 9-1 Shaletoneo, 10-1 Steding Fellow, 12-1 Shamand, 20-1 others

8.05 HAYMAKING CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 3YO 5f 11yds

added 3YO 6f

Philip Lafarge, the stewards' secretary, emerged with the comment, "glorious in defeat"

Club refused to comment on the rules and regulations. verdict but they will look long and hard at the embarrassing decision and the definition of the notice referring to skull caps in the Racing Calendar. In their official announce-

ment of the verdict, the stewards said they were satisfied that Carson had ridden in a skull cap with a lesser specification than that currently required under the rules.

But they noted that: "the technical specifications for all approved skull caps were inaccurately defined in the notice to all trainers and riders regarding skull caps in the Irish Racing Calendar of March 7 1996." The officials warned Carson

to ensure that he meets the stanthe technical nature of the ver- dard of equipment specified by the Club and to keep himself ac-Other officials of the Turf quainted with changes to the

> The Scotsman was repre-sented by Co Kildare solicitor Andrew Coonan, Turf Club officials would have noted that the rider was also accompanied by Angus Gold, racing manager to Matiya's owner Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum. Carson left the controversial,

Saturday behind him. "Tve left it here because I certainly don't need it anymore. Somebody might get something for it at a celebrity auction or the like." The French Group One winning filly Luna Wells is virtually certain to stay at home and contest the Prix de Diane on Sunday week rather than run Tahiti a length and a half - at



earlier. Luna Wells had come in

for support in the Oaks antepost market since giving André Fabre a fifth consecutive win in the Prix Saint-Alary - in which she beat her stablemate Miss to be more careful in the future in the Oaks at Epsom two days Longchamp earlier this month.

Flower shows his true Colour

The Brighton stewards called in his Colour Counsellor won the selling handicap by three lengths at the track yesterday. The grey started at 20-1 and paid more than 30-1 on the Tote.

wich Again 4.40 Klipsinger

WOLVERHAMPTON

HYPERION

2.10 Worldwide Elsie 2.40 Wentbridge Lad 3.10

Skelton Sovereign 3.40 Sualtach 4.10 Green-

GOING: Standard.

STALLS: 77 - outside: remainder - insule.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High from 67 to 1m if.

Fibresand, left-hand, aval course.

Racecourse is N of town on A449. Wolverhampton station 1m.

ADMISSION: Cab 510; Tattersalls 50 (OAP members of Plamond Club 54); Wewing Restaurant 525,90 including currance and
med. GAR PARE: free.

BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Chevalier (viscred); (2.40); Jon's

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN HAYS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERSE. Sarum (2.10) sem 173 miles from
J Long's Flumpton Green stable in East Susser; Fleld Of Vision
(2.40) sem 156 miles from Mrs A Swinbank's McIsonby stable in
North Yorkshire; Mol Canard (2.10) sem 153 miles from Brian
Arthur Pearce's Limpedeld stable in Sorrey, Klipedager (4.40) sem
143 miles from B S Rothwell's Malton stable in North Yorkshire;

Cashmere Lady (2.10) sent 143 miles from J Eyre's Sutton Hank stable in North Yorkshire.

2.10 CLOWN AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 100yds

- 11 declared SETTING: 3-1 Northern Fan, 4-1 Beltas Gate Boy, 5-1 Cashmera Lady,
S-1 My Sallery, Prissa Comissa, 8-1 Worldwide Elsie, 10-1 others

2.40 GROUPER CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 1f 79yds

(5000-0 NERRIER (11) R Harris A 9 R

- 9 deciared -BETING: 3-1 Devid James' Girl, 7-2 Field Of Vision, Westbridge Lad, 4-1 Chevalier, Kerrier, 8-1 Genesis Four, 10-1 others

Chaice (visored) (4.40). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

Godolphin's Don Micheletto (Frankie Dettori) was also supplemented for the race. which will now have a maximum field of 15. French-trained Loup Solitaire has been pulled out be-

The stewards asked for an everything his way today which

local trainer Mark Flower after explanation for the improve- suited him. If he gets a squeeze ment in form of Colour Coun- or a bump he tends to back pedsellor who had finished 12th of al and is not very brave. Also he 13 in his previous race – an am- has not run over this trip before ateur riders' event at Lingfield. and that might have had some-Flower said later: "He had thing to do with it." 3.10 REGIONAL RAILWAYS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,550 added 2YO 6f

- 8 declared -BETTPNG: 7-2 Presentionent, 4-1 Burlington House, 5-1 Flotitia, Blazing Castle, Suave Star, 6-1 Red Test, 7-1 others

3.40 VSR LINEMANN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added 7f

026432 FOUR OF SPACES (5) (CD) P Ears 5 10 O Armenda Sanders (5) 5 V

– 5 declared – BETTING: 6-4 Sualtach, 5-2 Quinzii Martin, 3-1 Four of Spades, 5-1 Riv

4.10 LION SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 4f

- 5 november 3-1 Greenwich Again, 7-2 Dataistur, 9-2 Mirale The Miso, 5-1 Slippery Fin, Magic Times, 6-1 Pauri Anaiversary, 12-1 others

4.40 ANGEL HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 6f

8 035-20 JON'S CHOICE (8) (CD) B Presce 8.8 5...Jones Wands (7) 9 V
9 261355 SERIOUS FACT (21) (C) Mrs J. Studos - 8.4 ...M McCentrew 1
10 3-06062 BOWCLIFTE GRANGE (3) D Craymen 4.7 10...6 Bardwell 10

- 10 declared -

Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handcap weight: Bowciffe Grange 7st.
BETTING: 3-1 Nigh Domain, 4-1 Nipepinger, 9-2 Sowciffe Grange, 6-1
Serious Fact, 7-1 Disco Boy, 8-1 Jan's Choice, 10-1 others

7.20 TARMAC HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 2m 110yds

7.50 HORSE & HOUND NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £5,000 added 3m 4f

1995: Person Secret 2.8.9.1 Detto: 13-6.7 M Worter 7 can

BOLD ORIENTAL one of three travers at the meeting for Newlie Call which and the Edderly, could be a class above these. He was beaten a long way or several of 12 to free meet Bay at Newbury or this obtain, but he was not persevered with which the capacity or and a state to merother A son of Irot, Baid Omental and 30,000 gris or a lost and 70,000 gris when re-offered as a venting, but is able to run in a meet instruction to the property of sites whose yearings' median price or auction lost war was 9,000 gris or the property of sites whose yearings' median price or auction lost war was 9,000 gris or the property of those to have run, although Our Furbure has come up against above over a vertice of those to have run, although Our Furbure has come up against above over a vertice of those to have run, although Our Furbure has come up against above over a vertice and may be come to watch.

Selection: 80,000 children Come to watch. 2.30 GILT-EDGED RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 3YO 1m 2f Penalty Value £2,723

-10 declared -BETTINS: 6-4 Bold Criental, 7-2 Prince Of Parlos, 4-1 Bamburgh Boy, 7-1 Our Fisture, 8-1 Sam-sung Spirk, 16-1 Albithara, The Orramon, 20-1 others 1995: Person Secret 2 S 9 1 Dette: 13-5 / W Worts: 7 ran

HYPERION

GOING: Straight course - towards soft, round course - soft
STALLS: Straight course - Larsada, remainder e heads
DRAW ADVANTAGE:Law for 51 & 61, high in straight on soft ground.
Lent-hand ashloping course, room 2106 ds
Raccourse to Fast of the board on A768 Art station essents from Glasgowy Int
ADMISSION: Clab \$12, Grantstand \$7 (OAFS leabspree). CAR PARK: Fox

ELADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: J Berry - 18 wanter from 191 rangers to rath of 9. FPs from a return to a \$1 km 1 stake of chot 71. Mre M Reveley - 15 wanters. St rathers. 2029. - \$17.99. M dobaston - 16 wanters. 14 J runner. 14 Pr. - \$11 19: Mre J R Ramaden - 12 wanters. 51 runner. 14 Pr. - \$11 19: Mre J R Ramaden - 12 wanters. 51 runner. 52 Pr. - \$2 N B geroft - 7 wanters. 55 runners. 12 N waters. 8 wanters. 10 runners. 12 Pro. - \$2 N B geroft - 7 wanters. 55 runners. 12 Pr. - \$11 29.

ELADING HOUSEN K Darley - 12 wanters. 183 ruke. 12 Pr. - \$2 N K B 17 wanters. 55 runners. 17 runners. 18 runners. 18 runners. 18 runners. 19 runners.

2.00 GREIG MIDDLETON MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £3,209

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5 BARNBURGH BOY (21) ht P Barlo Construent: Landwij 1 Rama 9.0 ... I Portmed

6 BBF-EM (23) ht bs. 1 4 Penalth Ass. 1 Posted 9.0 ... N. Carliste 2

8 BBC ORRENAL (22) ht 1 results Catagorn 9.0 ... Pat Entory 10

FATHER EDDE (18) % It Severe 1 D Own 9.0 ... Dean Micheome 9.0 ... I Results 1 D Own 9.0 ... Dean Micheome 9.0 ... I Williams 6

PULTARCH ANGEL (Catagorne Rang W North 9.0 ... Darren Moffatt, 137 ?.. PRINCE OF PARTIES (53) BBT JOSEPH Neiter 1 Rev., 9.0 ... Larred 1.0 ... A Fador 5.

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6-4 Bold Oriental, 7-2 Prince Of Parties 4.4 Sambargh Boy, 7-1 Our Finture, 8-1 Sambargh 10 Boy 10 Beyon 1

2.30 Mock Trial

3.00 ARCADY (nap)

3.30 Highspeed

4.00 Ancient Quest

4.30 Captain Carat (nb)

1 DS-000 BILLETRIAN CRY (21) Attention Per J Borr, 9.0. J. Carroll 5 0006 MDCK TRIAL (23) IP A Leonard No. 9.0. M. Fallon 3 5 5500C RATTLE (23) IP A Leonard No. 9.0. M. Fallon 3 5 5500C RATTLE (23) Mes G Noghro J O Note 9.0 . J. Fontane 1 2 5-0.0 CRYSTAL WARREON (18) IV Grants 10 Note to 8 11 . Alex General 2 5 300 TEMPTRESS (247) (A D G Oldon) P Wahron 5 11 . Dean Mickeyen 4 - STITING: 4-5 Mock Trial, 2-1 Crystal Warrior, 10-1 Temptress, 12-1 Miletrian City, Rottle 1995: Cau De Cologre 3 9 0 Dean Mickeyen G 5 (C W Thornton) 5 ran

1995: Cau De Cologno 3 9 0 Dean Micheson 6 5 iC W Thornton 5 cm

MOCK TRIAL has shown ability in both his last two starts, behind Freequent in a Boverley madern and then when sort of 12 to Royal Couldn'n in a valuable Thirsk hundlesp over
a mile, when his was rated 60 - the upper him for this race. The hundrys will your hand,
Ramsden's Cid Weigelding much better and he is difficult to oppose. The exitan Bakan,
manied Crystall Warnfor, who gets a 3th sex advance, was also rated Gid by the mist
hundleap at Rodian Iste had run well to be fourth to subsequent halam Derth, recover
Backdrop at Pontefract the time before, but there was no obvious excipt for her rest
of 17 to Hawksley, although she was reductive to go much the stalls. Crystal Warner is sti
the most likely threat to Mock final but does not seem open to as much improvement, as
the selection. Peter Walwyn's Temptress showed nothing in three starts at two, includ
ing when timed visored, while Rattile is proving very hard to wan with and Millebrain City
is out of form.

Selections Aloxiv TRIAL

3.00 GREIG MIDDLETON STOCKBROKERS CUP HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 1m 2f Penalty Value £4,260

PORM GUIDE

HOME COUNTIES landed a valuable handcap hurdle at Haydock in December and can overcome the absence since to win this. The seven-year-old has shown he can go well tresh, last season finishing third to Haroldon at Haydock over this time and off todays mark on his first start in September. Home Counties has won just twice on the Flot, once in this country - over course and distance two years ago off a 2to higher mark than todays. Aready did well in her first handcap on her respectance at Bath lost month when third to Meg's Memory, beaten about a length, and should be fitter now. She is only a pound higher. Best Of All has dropped 2to since her third to Zelda Zonk at Racar over seven furlongs and is just 2to higher than when beating Pennar of Musselburgh in November. That was her first attenual at a mile and it should not come as a great surprise if she mark it should not come as a great surprise if she mark it should not come as a great surprise if she mark it should not come as a great surprise if she market. of 20 a mile and it should not come as a great surrose it she as proves again for a step up in distance. Sammatian, bearen just a neck by Pomreyer Dance or Ripon last time, has been put up 4th as a result and seems held. Stormless is flat tered by its fourth to Call Me in a inmitted stakes at Newcastle legs time, while it is a long.

3.30 GREIG MIDDLETON PRIVATE CLIENT HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added 1m Penalty Value £3,160

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PERSIAN FAYRE, beaten just three justers of a length by Highborn at Chester, looked set to gain a first win for a year when crusing into the lead over two furlongs out at Musselburgh last time, but he was headed entering the last and found Murrays Macda a length and a half too good. That confirmed he is in good form and he remains on a for mank, allo lower than when a length second to Somerton Boy over seven furlongs nere in July. Both Persian Payre's previous wins have been at this course, but he probably would not want much more rain. Witeston cames a Glo penalty for his inter-oparter-length Neurol and stood opan nur well. Highspeed has won on both pre-tous wats here, most recently when accounting for 17 mass, including Teejaryfrath iseventhi, Northern Spark (12th) and Bedazzle (13th), over seven furlongs. He overcome odds of 33-1 then and, only lightly raced, could well win again on what he steps up in distance. FORM GLIDE

4.00 GREIG MIDDLETON CHARITY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 1m 5f 13yds Penalty Value £3,779

PORM GLIDE

ANCIENT QUEST, a Rambox Quest cold out of Inch Cake third Racquette, showed little on his Criester introduction but improved agrificantly at Newmarket when turner-up to Ambern, sho had finished much further in tond of him at Christer, Ancient Quest will be well suited by lodays slightly larger tip. Candle Smile was not at his best on finching namer-up to Generous at Newcastle and Nationan at Hamilton and may again have to settle for second best. Double Opahs showed some aboth in two starts last year and be suited by the hip. He is may buttle 4 out for third with Tallyboy, making his debut on the Flat but a bumper winner at Perth last season.

Selection: ANCIENT QUEST

4.30 St. VINCENT HIGH INCOME HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 6f Penalty Value £3,896

10 declared BETTING: 7-2 Captain Carat, 5-1 Stand Tell, 13-2 Colvey Rake, 7-1 Mister Westsound, Garnock Valley, 8-1 Palo Blanco, Be Warned, Rich Glow, 10-1 Auron, 14-1 Grand Chapeau
 1995: Estato 4 9-4 k Falon 7-2 (Mr.) R Ramsdem 10 ran

1895: Basalo 4.9.4 is Falion 7-2 (kim.) is Romedem 10 can.

The extra furthing should be in CAPTAIN CARAT's favour. He was to come with a late rattle and that was the case last time when he beat Metal Boys two lengths at Newcleste, for which he is penalised Bib. Cohinay Raike was just two story heads, further back in fourth and is steadily finding his form, but Captain Carat's late run will be difficult to resist in maismaller field. Stand Tall, much improved on the call-weather during the writer, was two lengths in front of Coutain Carat when than to Bornet Oi Heye or Fonderhard and messitism 9to worse, but that was not the selection's best form, Stif. Stand Tall is very well in compared to the all-weather and might be surted by this easer ground. Master Westsouth of the all-weather and might be surted by this easer ground. Master Westsouth as another who had Captain Carot behind, when find to Daave at Donaster Asserb and Coway Rake were also well beaten. Ho is in good form and is closely matched onth Garnock Valley on Hamilton murining behind by Gallery. Be Warned when the has shown in three stars this year. Palio Blanco, a short-head behind be Warned when they were second and third to Double Spicinocur at Havdock ust Occober on today's terms, has harted a winting run could be near and the return to say October on today's terms, has harded a winning form could be near and the return to so

Hughes in US

The jockey Richard Hughes has given up his quest for a Derby mount and will instead be crossing the Atlantic to ride in New York. Hughes had originally been hooked to ride Mysthe Enight in the Epsom Classic but the ride was later offered to Kevin Darley, Hughes' agent Peter Harris reported his jockey would ride the David Lodertrained South Salem in the Belmont Stakes.

BRIGHTON

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2.10: 1. DALMENT DANCER (B Doyle)
3.1: 2. Kernwood Medicdy 9.4 for, 3. Challing Resident 12.1. 8 ran. 4, 1½. 18 Mechen, Lambourn). Tote: £3.40: £1.20, £2.00, £1.50. DF: £4.60. CSF: £9.72.
2.40: 1. FARMADT (B Duffield) 4-6 for; 2. Mr Nerversaind 25-1; 3. Crystal Heights 20-1, 3.0 ran. 5, ¼. (Sr Mark Prescoti, Newmarket). Tokes £1.60: £1.20, £5.20, £2.50.
DF: £13.30. CSF: £19.44. Trio: £35.00.
3.10: 1. BURBLE WINNES (V Smith) 7-2 for; 2. Recely Waters 5-1; 3. Edgar Khtly 12-1 £5 ran. 1, 1½. (S Woods, Newmarket). Tokes £4.30; £1.70, £3.40, £3.10. DF: £14.40. CSF: £21.44. Trioss: £183.66. Inc.: £155.90.

3.40: 1 COLOUR COURSELLOR IC Adem-

(6th), 3, sh-hd. (R Flower, Jewnston), Totas: £31.70; £7.00, £2.10, £2.50, DF. £49.90, CSF: £106.60, Trests: £530.17. Tres: £147.20, NR. Nasser. 4.10; 1. CORMICHE QUEST (R Hughes)

4.10: 1 CORNICHE QUEST (R Hughes)
20-1; 2 Bright Edigoe 11.4; 3. Allistars Exgress 9-2.9 ran. 5-2 fav Holpebil (501. ½,
134. (M Channon, Upper Lambourn). Total:
£10.60; £160; £190; £22.0. DF; £19.10.
CSF; £72.64. Tro: £26.30.
4.40: 1. ALWAYS GRACE (Dane O'Neill)
14-1; 2. Lories Gold 5-1; 3. Random
16-1: 10 ran. 3-1 fav Agus. 134. nk. (Mass
Gay Kelksey, Whitcombe). Total: £15.10.
£3.30, £2.00; £9.40. DF; £59.40. CSF;
£80.45. Totast: £1.08.13.1 fro: £120.20.
Jackpote Not work a pool of £18,159.11 is
carried forward to the matering at Catastick this
sitemon.

CARLISLE 2.20: 1. DASHING ROCKSVILLE (A Mack-sy) 8-1; 2. Swiss Coast 10-1; 3. Pandicu-lation 8-1. 15 ran. 3-1 fav Plan For Profit. Hd, 1 (M Charnon, Upper Lambourt). Teto: £7.00; £2.00, £6.20, £2.10. DF: £106.40. CSF: £90.98.Tho: £212.20; £209.29 carned

4.20: 1. AQUADO () (ulm) 10-1: 2. Collistorial to content S. 50 today.

2.50: 1. COMMANDER GLEN () Faton)
10-1: 2. Spanish Steps 14-1: 3. Three Arch
Bridge 10-1. 15 cm. 4-1 fav Cheerfu Groom.
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DF: £8.00, CSF: £20.92, Theast: £127.02, Tho: £26.00, 3.50; 1. MAGIC CAROUSEL () Fanning

5-1; 2. Natin 8-11 lay; 3. Dismitys 7-4 4 ran. 1¼, 3. (M. Johnston, Middleham). Total £5:20. DF: £4:50. CSF: £9.18. 4.20: 1. AQUADO (f Quinn) 10-1; 2. Cali To the Bar 9-2; 3. Tropical Beach 8-1. 14

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STRATFORD

Left-hand course with 200rd run-m.

Racecourse Course is SW of Stratford-on-Avon on A439, Stratford station 1m. ADMISSION: Club 5 12; Tattersalls 58; Cos 54. CAR PARK: mside course 52, remainder free. SIS

BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Jungle Highway (6.:3)\ WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Jostfing (7.:40) won at WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS; JOSHING [7:20] Won at Towccater that Friday.

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BETTING: 11-4 Phalarope, 9-2 George Lave, 11-2 Lambson, 15-2 Johbern Fiddle, 8-1 Sablosh, 10-1 Mandara, Stay Happy, 12-1 Jungle Highway, Sat-Em-Alight, Striding Edge, 14-1 Ruth's Gamble, 18-1 others

6.50 J. ROUND NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2m 5f 110yds

NETTING: 11-4 Fortunes Course, 100-30 Imperial Variage, 4 Sound Forecast, 5-1 Certoin Angle, 11-2 Forest Foother, 3-1 The Brud, 16-1 Luke Warm, 25-1 Shamaless Lady,

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RACING RESULTS

Ridgeon dedicated to the sport he loves

Tomorrow will be the third anniversary of the end of Jon Ridgeon's career. He will mark it by running the 400 metres burdies at the European Cup final in Madrid

When Ridgeon snapped his Achilles tendon in Bratislava, Slovakia, three years ago while making a second comeback from injury, medical experts said he would never run again. At 26, the athlete who had had it all going for him - blond good looks, Cambridge degree, world high-hurdles silver medal while still in his teens - had to endure it all going away from

Now, however, Ridgeon is about to win his first international vest since 1992 after to getting fit completing comeback No 3 and it was no coincidence that his choice of venue for a final preparation should have been ist Wednesday's meeting in

"I had some absolutely horrendous memories of Bratislava," he said. "There were some ghosts to lay."

For Ridgeon, an intensely competitive high achiever, the frustration of the past few years has been immense. He channelled his energies into a media career which involved him interviewing athletes for satellite TV, but the sense of being cut off in his prime never left

Mike Rowbottom talks to a British prospect for tomorrow's European Cup hurdles who, three years ago, was told

by doctors he would never run again

rainy night.

That reaction, though, indi-

cates the extent of his recovery.

track. He has

crossed over

into becoming a competitive ath-

having finished

don last year - his fourth in all come through Bratislava unon either foot - that he began scathed. But he was less than to think the unthinkable once thrilled at having finished sixth again. The surgery, which was in 50.12sec, albeit on a windy, simply intended to repair him sufficiently for recreational activities such as tennis, restored sufficient movement for him to Ridgeon is no longer always contemplate hurdling again.

Six months ago he resigned of things, or pinching himself om his media to see if he refrom his media 'I have given up cated himself, heart and soul. a lot. I have once more, training in

gone from a America. South Africa safe world to an and Australia. At last Sat- uncertain one.' urday's Welsh

Games, Ridgeon marked his first race on pointer because I had wanted British soil for four years with to run 49.5sec," he said, "Now an exuberant victory in blustery I am looking for a fast time on conditions. Saturday to take me on to the Olympic trials. The focus quick-

When he saw that he had broken 50 seconds - recording 49.87 - he grasped the air in front of him for joy. "I love athletics more than anything else," he said afterwards, and you could see the truth of it. In the overall scheme of

It was only after another things, Ridgeon should have operation on his Achilles ten- been equally delighted to have

or three minutes after the race that this was a much better situation than it had been three

years ago," he said.
"I have given up a lot to
make this comeback. I have gone from quite a safe world to quite an uncertain one. But. when I was sitting on the plane today, I couldn't help thinking that all my old colleagues would probably be in office."

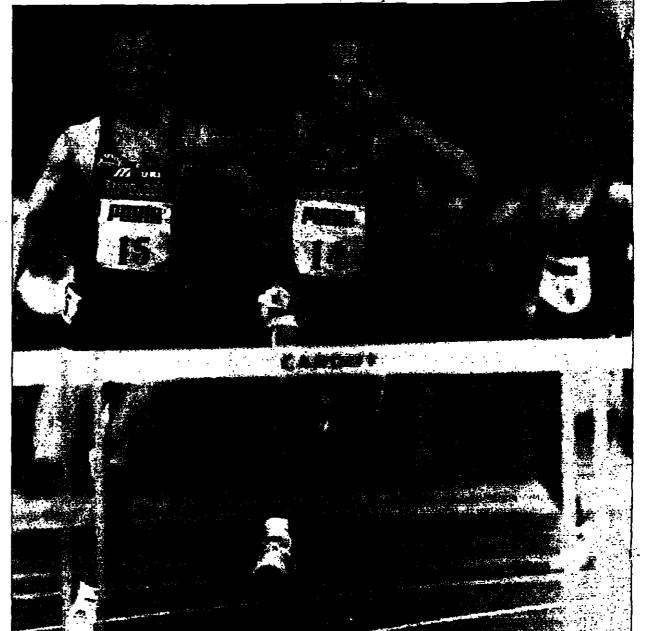
His savings have been almost exhausted by funding his foreign training in recent months, looking at the overall scheme but Ridgeon is on the brink of earning money once again as a jobbing athlete.

In his training diary, Ridgeon has inscribed a New Year's resolution that he will not get stressed about competing, but will simply enjoy it when it hap-

lete once again. "I have trained for six "Instead of months," he said. "I have done being elated at everything I can. If I do make the Olympic Games eight years a grand prix meeting again, I was disapon in a different event, it would be a dream come true. It would mean so much to me. But, let's not kid ourselves, I'm still not world class."

Tomorrow, however, in the first event of the weekend, he can take another big step towards that ambition.

"Everything is going per-fectly," he said after his Welsh Games run - and resisted the impulse to touch wood. "There is no pressure on me," he added with a laugh, "I'm re-



Back on track: Jon Ridgeon's win at the Welsh Games was his first race in Britain for four years Photograph: Allsport

Déjà vu grips Gloucestershire

MIKE CAREY

reports from Old Trafford Gloucs 157-5 v Lancashire

A week can seem a long time in county cricket, especially when it is spent at the same venue. Thus Gloucestershire, embarking on the second phase of their seven-day stint here, probably had a dreadful feeling of threatened to disintegrate again

As Lady Bracknell might put against Tony Wright looked it, it is one thing to throw wick- marginal to the distant eye. test; it is quite another to do so in the Championship, especially when winning the toss had given Gloucestershire valuable first use of the pitch recently used for

days old. It seemed to have two paces - slow and even slower and, needing to occupy it for as long as possible, Gloucestershire could have done without the catalogue of errors that launched their innings after 37 overs had been lost to overnight

On a more humid day than most this season, the pitch might also have greened up a shade under the covers, too. With the new ball in his hand deja vu when their batting and the breeze behind him, Glen Chapple bowled testingly well, even if his lbw decision

> Encouraged by that, man's minimal footwork. When Nick Trainor was caught behind Hancock mistimed the specu-

second spell to cover, Glouces-tershire found themselves at 35

ly changes when you are back

Not that Ridgeon has com-

pletely lost the sense of satis-

faction at having re-entered the

world from which he had been

was putting on my tracksuit two

"It did occur to me when I

in athletics."

It could have been worse. Martin, conceding just nine runs from 10 overs, bowled around off-stump and beyond, thought he had Andrew Symonds caught behind from a rare legside delivery.

Then, before he had reached 30, Mark Alleyne was almost spectacularly caught off the meat of the bat at short leg by John Crawley, then missed in the slips. By then, half-volleys had started to materialise and both batsmen dealt severely

with them. bowled Robert Cunliffe off an until Symonds chased a short, inside edge, helped by the bats- wide ball from Chapple and was trying not to play and Tim still searching for his first Championship half-century of the season.

Thorpe's power puts Surrey in command

ROUND-UP

Graham Thorpe maintained his magnificent run of form with an unbeaten 158 as he steered Surrey to an imposing 382 for 7 against Derbyshire at The Oval yesterday.

It was his third first-class century in his last six innings and the 22nd of his career. He shared in a stand of 151 for the fifth wicket with Adam Hollioake, but with the exception of Thorpe it seemed that the rest of the Surrey batting could only things by halves, or not at all

- handicapped by the temporary loss of Dominic Cork with a

This weekend

TOMORROW

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RUGSY LEAGUE: Stones Super League: Leeds

v Wigan (6.0).

POOTBALL: World Cup European Qualifying
Group Four: Sweden v Belenus (6.30) (or. Stockholm). Group Eight: leaband v Macedonia (6.0)

or. Reyellow). European Under-21. Championship: San Mannov Wales (at Stadio di Seravaelle. San Marino I, Toulon Under-21.

onship: San Marino v Water (at Stadio di Ser-ravabe, San Marino). Toulon Under-21 international Tournament Group B: England v Brasi (7.45) (at Mayol Stadium, Toulon). CRICCET: Teiley's Challenge Series (first day of three, including Sundey, 11.0): Lecester-shire v India (Leicester). Other March (first day of three, continues on Mondoy, 11.0): Oxford three-stay v Glamorgan (The Paris). RACING (Flat meetings in capitalis): CAT-TERICEC Club £11: Tetressals £7; Course £2.50 (under 16s free into all englassals £10 £15 in 25-year-oxis) £5; Sher Ring £5 (8.25). LINGTIELD: Members £13, Tothersals £5; Si-ver Ring £5 (2.0). NEWMARKET: (2)(b) £14

LIMSTRELD: Members £13, Tuthersals £9; SI-ver Ring £5 (2.0). NEWMARRIET: Cµb £14 (16 to 25-year-dide £8); Grandstand and Pad-dock £10 (16 to 25-year-dide £5); Saver Ring £3 (2.10). Marthert Rassant: Cub £12: Tot-tersals £8 (CIAPs who are members of course's Jubilee Cub £41; Saver Ring £5 (Ju-bies Cub CAPs £2.50) (6.40). Statisford: Cub £12: Tattersalis £8; Course £4 (2.50). ATMLETICS: Wielsh National Senior and Vet-eran Chammonships (Massant). The terrimine

ATHLETICS: West Inspired sentor and various sentor and various sites (Newport). The harmer opers the field events at 10.30am, while the first track event is the Story/Elforn walk at 10.15cm. Addression: E.50 adults, E.1 QAPs, 50p children under-16. Newport Stadium, Styff in Storts Complex, Langiand Way, Newport. Gwent.

muscle spasm in his back

toiled away. Graeme Hick hit one of the slowest centuries of his career - but it rescued Worcestershire from a shaky start, at 6 for 2, in their match against Hampshire at New Road. Hick took fiveand-a-half hours and 79 overs to compile the 87th first-class ton of his career, including 15

Durham's overseas player, Sherwin Campbell, who has not had the best of starts to the season, finally came good against Nottinghamshire at bridge, when he hit 118. However the West Indian opener still managed to be upstaged by his team-mate Darren Blenkiron, who hit 130 – his second up by Ashley Cowan and Paul

Essex 269-5 dec & 207-6 Match drawn

Nasser Hussain dropped a late hint for inclusion in England's Test squad, which is named at the weekend, by producing his best form of the season. His 85 against India at Chelmsford was the highlight of the final day, which ended with Essex settling for a draw on 207 for 6 in pursuit of a target of 275 in 51

While Hussain was at the crease. Essex always nursed hopes of collecting the £7,500 ue on offer by sponsors To ley for any county beating the tourists. But once he was sixth

century of the week – as Grayson.

Durham notched up 333 for 5.

Hussain, nimble of foot and

Hussain stakes England claim quick to seize upon any loose who became the first Indian delivery, eventually fell when he cricketer to walk out of a tourtried to sweep once too often

against leg-spinner Narendra Harwani and was bowled. His 109-ball effort included nine fours but whether it will be good enough to put him in line for a Test recall, after an absence of three years, remains to be seen. But at least Hussain can content himself with the knowledge that his latest effort was his highest of the summer

to date, and his most convinc-Earlier, India carried their second innings to 223 for 6 before declaring, the opener Ajay fours and three sixes in a highly entertaining 87. He was to become a victim of the left-arm spinner John Childs, the veter-

an 44-year-old finishing with 4 for 99.

ing team in 64 years of Test cricket, has returned to New Delhi from England. "I'd had enough and couldn't

take any more," Sidhu told reporters. "I'm sorry but I can't say anything more at this stage. Il issue a public statement after talking to the cricket board

Sidhu, 32, quit the tour of England on Monday and announced his immediate retirement from Test cricket after he was dropped from the side for the third one-day international which India lost by four ets at Old Traffe

Lala Amarnath, the former Indian Test captain, demanded an inquiry into the events leading to Sidhu's walkout. Amarnath said the incident needed to be investigated by an inde-Meanwhile, Navjot Sidhu, pendent authority.

That meant it was already two lative first ball of Peter Martin's CRICKET SCOREBOARD

County Championship Kent v Sussex TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent (Spts), with four TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent (Spts), with four

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J W Holl c McCague b Eathorn ...
M J Speight b Presion
N J Lenham c Hooper b Eathorn
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V C Drakes b Presson 23

PW Jones C and b McCarpus 55

E S N Galons not out 2

Bottes (b4, rb10) 14

Total (63,2 overs) 142

Felt: 1-28, 2-38, 3-46, 4-55, 5-58, 6-89, 7-101, 8-12, 9-134.

Total (63.2 Overs) 44.5. 5.58, 6.83, 7-103, 8-124, 9-134, 8-55, 5.58, 6.83, 7-103, 8-124, 9-134, 9-134, 9-1

6-200. To bat: *15 A Marsh, M J McCague, M M Patel, B J Philips.

Patel, B.J. Philips.
Bowling, Drakes 10.2-3-42-2; James 8-0-34-0;
Law 11-2-42-4; Giddins 6-1-34-0; Sahsbury
5-0-39-0.
Umpires; G.I. Burgess and N.E. Palmer. Lancashire v Gioucestershire

(Goucestershire won (DSS)
OLD TRAFFORD: Gloucestershire (Opts) have scored 157 for 5 against Lancashire (2).
GOUCESTERSHIRE — First landings
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nes: D / Constant and K J Lyons.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CH THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF France v Scotland (5.30)

Rugby League 7,500 traces successive the control of Warrings STONES Super League: Castieford of Warrings for, First Division: Rochdole of Warrings, Second Division: York of Prescot

Speedway CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Avera Essex v Sating-

LAMESM: Nations Cup (Nicks RALLYBAG: Scottish Rolly (Penth)

Middlesex v Yorkshire

MINOGRESS NOT (385)
LORD'S: Middlesex (3pts) have s
for 5 against Yorkshire (2),
MIDOLESEX - First Innings
P N Weeks C Barey b Hartley eight first-innings wickets at 280 runs behind Northampton 280 runs behind Morthamptonshire (3
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE – First Inolings
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R J Warren b Politick
R J Leve c Smell b Politick
D J Capel c Ostler b Welch
M Gurran c Ploer b Reeve
A L Penberthy c Ploer b Reeve
A L Penberthy c Poer b Reeve
†D Ripley c Ostler b Reeve
CE L Ambrose c Ostler b Smith J C Harnson c Blakey o winne 51 M R Romprokash o Harntey 134 *M W Gatting b Sevenacod 17 J D Carr not our 58 K R Brown not out 33 Extras (b4, nb)01 14 Total (for 5, 104 overs) 322 Falt: 1-5, 2-35, 3-135, 4-182, 5-285. To bat: A R C Fraser, R A Fay, P C R Turnel, D Folieft.

To Broker, 1985 (1995) 10 Folieft.

Bouling Gough 20-5-55-1; Hartley 20-7-49-2; Shennood 17-6-55-1; White 16-2-53-1; Morris 8-2-30-0; Stemp 21-6-53-0; Beken 2-0-10-0. 2-0-10-0. YORKSHIRE: *D Byas, M P Vaughan, M G Bevan, A McGrath, C White, †R J Blakey, A C Morrs, P J Harriey. D Gough, C E W Shirer-wood, R D Stemp. Umpires: A A Jones and J C Balderstone.

Surrey v Derbyshire (Derbyshire won toss)
THE OVAL: Surrey (4pts) have
for 7 against Derbyshire (3).

r 7 against Deityshire (3).
IRREY – First hmings
J Biomeli e Harns b Cork
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Nottinghamshire v Durbam Noningtamshire won tossi
TRENI BRECE: Durham (Spts) have scored
333 for 5 against Nottinghamshire (1).

To best 16 w Scot, 1 months 12 months 12 months 20 months 21.2-63-1; Pick 15-1-43-1; Pick 15-1

Worcestershire v Hampshire

R Sowing not out A Leatherdale c Udal b James

athletically caught, one-handed, by Warren Hegg. Symonds is

> Northants v Warwickshire (Warwickshire won toss) NORTHAMPTON: Warwick

Total (85 overs) 31A
Fail: 1-20, 2-65, 3-148, 4-157, 5-254,
6-276, 7-275, 8-306, 9-307.
Bowling: Polics: 20-3-78-3: Small 8-2-22-0;
Welch 15-1-73-1: Reeve 19-4-37-5; Smith
16-5-57-1; Brown 10-1-34-0.
WARWICKSHIES-First lessings
11

WARWICKSHIES First leasings
A J Moles not out 11
W G Whan c Warren b Ambrose 0
D P Ostler c Warren b Ambrose 15
KK J Poper not cst 22
Extrass (RO2, rib4) 6
Total (for 2, 14 overs) 34
Fall: 1-1, 2-28.
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fours, as Worcestershire reached 254 for 5.

Mark Butcher (52), the captain Alec Stewart (53) and the in-form Hollioake (72) all failed to turn their fifties into hundreds as the Derbyshire attack

TODAY

CRICKET: Britamic Assurance County Champonship issecond day of four, 11.0),
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Showgound opens at 88m daily, Admission:
Doby and Saturday: Ground: £8 adults, £4
children/QAPs. Cub enclosure: £12, £8, Car
parling £2, £4. Sunday: Ground: £10, £5,
Club enclosure: £20, £10. Parling: £3, £5,
Travel: Express Coach service day from Victoris. (Tel: 01.71.730 0202); special bus service from Gatwick, and Brighton. (Tel: 01.71.206665); taxl service from Burgess Hit railway station. By road: Hickstead is 10 miles
north of Brighton, off A23, (Tel: 01.273
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JUST THE TICKET: a guide for the sporting spectator

PICK OF THE DAY THIS WEEKEND/Motor racing British hill climb championship

Shelsley Walsh Speed Hill Climb, situated in the Terne valley at Upper Sapey, Droitwich, Worcestarshire, has been run over its original course since the first meeting in August 1905. On Sunday, 180 drivers will contest six competitions in 18 classes of car. One of the spectacles will be the class for Ferraris when 12 of the graphine stignost the climb, reported transport.

thrown open after the 1995 champion, Andy Priaulx, who was so effective last year, opted for a career on the circuits with Formula Renault. At least four drivers have realistic ambitions of taking the title. Before the seventh round at Shelsley Walsh, Patrick Wood, from Cheltenham, had a one-point lead from Roger Moran, of Ludiow, closely followed by Roy Lane,

How to get there: Stietsley Walsh Speed Hill Climb, Upper Set Womestensiye, is 10 miles west of Drothwich, Signification from of the marque attempt the climb, ranging from a 2.4litre version from 1973 to the latest 3.5-litre model. The high-lights of the meeting are rounds of the
British champlonship and the FIA International Challenge. This year's British series has been 8.45cm. (let 01888 853411).

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CYCLING: Men's National 25-met Ti Championship (Maresfield, East Suserd, First nder in the 120 strong field sest out at 6am on A22, with Richard Prebbie, the champion, lost at 8am.
Graema Chase, the world 4,000 metres pursuit champion, gives at 7.50am. Summer Gold
Track Meeting (Lelcossen). The second roung
off the BCF Spirit League is the hybright.
Women, juniors and juveniles also compete,
with the juveniles looking for experience of this
track which will be used for the second leg of
the British mach championships. Heets from
11.am, with main rounds from 12.30pm.
Speciating is free. Saffren Lares Sports Centre
is offe mis south-east of Lelcosser city centre
or A50 Wigston road, (Ref. 01.16.255 6675).
POWERSON TRACING: Cancer Research Offshore Race (Bournemouth). The first race, at
11.am, is a round of the National Porcions seness over a 50-mile ourse in Poole Bay and
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This is followed at 1.30pm by a basic all-comors race over a 40-mile ourse. The races start
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are good spectating points from the shore and
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FIGURAL WORK
FDOTRALL TRANSPORT (6.30) (at Mannhaim; Netherlands V Republic of Ireland (7.30) (at Mannhaim; Netherlands V Republic of Ireland (7.30) (at Rotterdam). Wednesday: International pratols: Florice v Armenia (7.45) (at Viscounce of Asco).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Monday: Stones First Division: Dewisbury v Huddersfield (8.0), Wednesday: European Super League Changkonship: France v Visios (Carcassorne).
198 Sports Academy International: France.

ond DMSSOR: BarfOW Y 12(g) (7.30).
RMCBY UNION: Wednesday: Tour Mastric NSW y Weles (11.am) (at North Sydney; Welea-to (12) y Scotland (4em) (at Herniton).
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(Hove); Yorkshire v Storey (Maddesbrough).
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(2.30) (at Elland Road), Group C: Germany
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D: Denmark v Portugal (7.30) (at Hillsborough),
Rugsy LEMBUE: Saturday: Stones Suiper
League: Sheffield v St. Helens (6.0), Flast Division: Walaffield v Dewsbury (6.0), Sectand
Division: South Wales v Cartisti (3.30) (at
Cantill Arms Park). Sounday: Stones Super
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v Warrington; Wighn v London Broncos; Workington Town v Lénds.
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all in the Midi Libre stage roce last Sunday, has the ability to win the prologue start in the Netherlands on 29 June and be there at the finish on the Chemps Ehsées in Paris a gruefling three weeks later on 21 July.

The world's greatest cycling race covers some 2,385 miles, comprising 21 stages with a prologue and only one rest day. This year the route also takes in the start in the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy. The tough stages in the Pyrenees includes a trip to Paruplona, Spain. The stage to Paruplona is probably the hardest of the Tout it is certainly the longest, with six mountains to climb, three of which are rated first category. Between the Alps and the Pyrenees, the riders will have to negotiate the undulating terrain and hills of the Massif Central.

The form of the leading riders will be-The form of the leading notes with be-come evident next week when con-tenders, such as Miguel Indurain, the winner of the last five Tours. Tony Romlinger and Boardman, take part in the Dauphiné Libéré stage race, start-ing on Sunday in the French Alps. The Tour will end a week earlier than usual because of the Dhymole Games. usual because of the Olympic Gar That will allow time for the cyclists to make their way to Atlanta, where pro-fessionals will compete for the first time. Sporting fours of West Yorkshire, the

ages remaining on the alpine stages (5 to 8 July, £229 per person) and the finish in Paris (£129 for two nights, £149 for three nights and no overnight travfor three nights and no overnight travelling.

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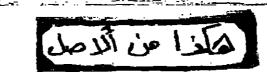
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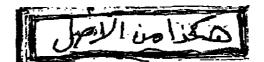
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E14 5DL, Fax: 0171 293 2894. Compiled by Paul Maher

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152 The number of pounds of beef that a Portuguese cattlebreeders' association will be delivering to England for the national team squad to all during Euro 96 because they are worried about the threat of mad cow disease.





Asprilla spoils day for Scots

Football

PHIL SHAW reports from Miami Colombia Scotland

In a cameo as brief as it was beautiful and cruel, depending on your allegiance, Scotland learned why Kevin Keegan cov-eted Faustino Asprilla and had their run in the build up to Euro 96 extended ur defeats in five friendlies.

With only eight minutes left, the torrential rain still lashed the Orange Bowl as if it were a scene from Key Largo. Cut to Newcastle's controversial Colombian, swaying like a palm tree in a storm for just long enough to swerve past Andy Goram and settle the match as ruthlessly as

Bogart settling a score. Craig Brown, the Scotland anager, hailed Asprilla's goal as "a £7m finish", but was not merely putting a brave face on his disappointment when he said that the exercise had otherwise been a success. For this was the best Scottish performance since the draw in Russia 15 months ago, as fluid and controlled as Sunday's setback

against the United States had een staccato.

The principal plus point was the form of Goram. If that gives the impression that Colombia might have won more convincingly, it is misleading. The Rangers goalkeeper, starting an international for the first time in 18 months, exuded authority and made a brilliant save early on to tip a ferocious drive by Adolfo Valeucia on to the bar.

Tosh McKinlay, winning only his fourth cap, enhanced his claim to the left wing-back role with a succession of strong runs and crosses. The heart of the team, Gary McAllister and John Collins, also beat more purposefully than for some time, although the dearth of goals remains a worry.

Scotland actually created the

better chances, the easiest falling to Ally McCoist midway through the first half. Stuart Mc-Call's chipped pass was headed across goal by John Spencer. McCoist, six yards out with only Farid Mondragon to beat, volleyed against the keeper's chest as he dived more in hope than expectation.

Mondragon had earlier saved For a while, Scotland were away fixture, yet we made more well from Spencer, while it forced on to the back foot. chances and reduced them to



Hair raising: Scotland's Stuart McCall and Colombia's Carlos Valderrama in action

took a last-ditch intervention by Jorge Bemudez to prevent Mc-Coist testing him after Colin Hendry's surge out of defence had taken Colombia unawares. Such scares, allied to the desire to monitor the condition of his squad prior to Sunday's World Cup qualifier in Peru, prompted Hernan Dario Gomez to ring

the changes at half-time.

Twelve minutes after their only clear-cut opening of the second half, a free header directed wide by Colin Calderwood, Carlos Valderrama's corkscrew thatch rose to send Asprilla racing clear. What followed should, if nothing else, stimulate Type-

side's jaded palate.
Brown said yesterday: "Colombia in Miami is virtually an long range in the first half. I watched their game at Wembley on video and we did better against them than England, but you have to put your chances away at this level.

The only time we were in difficulty was when they brought on the big names and the crowd 201 behind them. We could easily have had three victories going into Euro 96 if we'd picked

Valencemo III-t Aspettis (Newcazie) for Valence, In-t; Hanners Maconal Medelani for Onc. In-t; Men-dozzi (Lunar Parsanquia) for Cassam, In-t; Valider-rama (Tompa Bay Mutow) for Estrada, In-t. SCOTLAND (3-5-2): Bersam (Rangers); Caldier-wood (Totterthern), Headry (Elackburn), Boyd (Celuci); Meldinamio (Aborteem), Medali Gengers), McMillatar (Leods), Colless, T Meltan-lay (toth Celuc); Spencer (Chetsea), MeChale (Rangers), Substitution: Burley (Chetsea) for Hendry, In-t Jass (Overtry) for Spencer, 69; Gal-lecture (Backburn) for McCost, 61. Reference R Dominguez (US).

Photograph: Jeff Widener/Allsport

three years have been the most

Three years ago Johnson won twice on the US circuit and had 12 top-ten finishes in 15 events but since then she has struggled to make an impact and she ad-mitted that, despite winning \$330,000 (£220,000) when finishing 10th in the 1993 US rankings, she also suffered financially. let and it's working well." "I am like Laura Davies, when I win money I tend to

spend it," she said. "I just like to go out and buy things." They include two houses and it became increasingly difficult to meet the mortgage payments when she slithered to 102nd in the rankings the following year. She added: "It looked as

No place like home

though my career was really taking off, then it nose-dived and I have no idea why. The last

BILL BLIGHTON

reports from North Carolina

Trish Johnson emerged from the

deepest slump of her career to

move among the leaders in the

opening round of the United

States Women's Open Champ-ionship at wind-swept Pinehurst,

North Carolina, yesterday.
The 30-year-old from Bristol

defied the tough pine needles

course and a gusting wind to score one over par 71, which left

her just one stroke off the ear-

ly lead held by the Americans.

Kris Tschetter and Jenny Lid-

amazingly frustrating period of my life. My confidence just drained away."

Johnson has never been the

sport

Johnson puts

her troubles

behind her

most accurate drivers of the ball but it was her failure with the putter which really did the damage. scribed her putting as "horrendous", but a tip from Australia's Carrie Webb turned it around. She explained: "Carrie suggested I line up the putter to the hole before addressing the ball and it worked immediately. Just seeing the ball go into the hole on the practice green restored some of

my confidence." Johnson's putting became so suspect that she successfully experimented on the greens with a sand iron during tournaments and it was the realisation that the club was heavier than her putter which brought another transformation. She added: "Now I have a really heavy putter which is like a mal-

The Solheim Cup stalwart might have become the first player to beat par 70 but missed several good chances, with her only birdie coming at the 10th. where she pitched to 12 feet before converting the putt. She still played solidly in a wind which was expected to gather greater force later in the day, when Davies was scheduled to try for a second successive major title after her victory in the LPGA

Derby turn to Croatia for recruitment

CLIVE WHITE

Newly-promoted Derby County went back to Croatia yesterday in order strengthen their nces of Premiership surind next season when they ed the midfielder Aljosa novic. the international mate of the Rams' sweepor Stimac, for £950,000. king the kind of funds were made available to

Cox a few years back,

th, the manager, has had

interest from Verona, said: "Igor was instrumental in persuading him to join us. He has said for a long time that this was the guy we needed. He can play anywhere in midfield and he averages 10 goals a season." Graham Kelly, the chief ex-

ecutive of the Football Association, refused to comment yesterday on a newspaper report that Paul Gascoigne would be made to pay £5,000 compensato show prudently and a player tion from his own pocket for ovic's stature comes damage caused to the Cathay

cheap at the price (just as Sti-mac did), even for a 30-year-old. Pacific plane which flew home the England party from Hong Kong earlier in the week. Smith, who had to see off late Refusing to talk in detail about investigations into the in-

cident, Kelly said that the report was not "100 per cent accurate". He did add, though, that there was "no reason to doubt their word that it happened where Paul Gascoigne was sitting. There is certainly no suggestion that any other player was in-

It was not the FA's only headache yesterday. The National Sporting Club is threatening to sue them for

compensation over a Euro 96 ticket enquiry which led to a raid on the club's offices by the Metropolitan Police. Charges of selling 1,300 tickets illegally were later dropped.

Meanwhile, Roy Keane, the Manchester United midfielder, is keen to repair the rift between himself and Mick McCarthy, the Republic of Ireland manager, after he went on holiday when he was meant to report with the rest of the team in Dublin, "I can understand Mick not being very happy with the situation. but I hope it is not irreparable,

Barry Fry, sacked as manag er of Birmingham City, is poised to move into the boardroom at Peterborough United in place of Chris Turner, the chief executive and a close friend of Fry, who intends to stand down be-

cause of illness. Nationwide Building Society has confirmed a record £5.25m three-season Football League sponsorship. The agreement almost doubles the film per-year backing from insurance company Endsleigh. Chelsea are expecting to bank £2.6m in season ticket sales following the signing of Gianluca Vialli.

End of road for Matthäus

Bertie Vogts, the Germany coach, has said his country's mostcapped player, Lothar Matthaus, will never play for the national side again after another episode in the player's long-running feud

After Matthaus, who ruled himself out of Euro 96, repeated his allegations that Klinsmann, his successor as captain, had blocked his return to the side last year after a long injury lay-off, Vogts said: "Working together with him is no longer possible. There will be no come-

for resilient Langer

from failing to make his first half-way cut in 69 European with Jürgen Klinsmann. starts to move within one stroke of the first-round lead in the

Deutsche Bank Open in Hamburg yesterday. He trails the New Zealander Frank Nobilo, who shot a seven-under-par 65 to head a strong field that includes Colin Montgomerie, Ian Woos-nam and Seve Ballesteros.

Langer was left in joint second place on 66 with Richard Boxall, Lee Westwood, the Nor-Allenby of Australia and two Swedes, Jarmo Sandelin and Per Nyman.

Langer is attempting to win a 10th European Tour event in Germany, and set a target which only Nobilo could overtake. On a day which started with drizzle and ended in sunshine, he had seven birdies and only one bogey on his card.

Langer's performance only served to emphasise his resilience. Last Saturday he failed to make the cut at the Volvo PGA championship at Wentworth - a failure which ended his record run of playing in all four rounds of European Tour Open in Oakland Hills next

tournaments. Yesterday, though, the winner of five German Opens, two German Masters and the present tournament twice, clearly en- tournaments this year and is joyed himself on native soil. "I worried about his form.

Bernhard Langer bounced back just feel at home," he said, "I love my own country. I like the food. I like the support I get. Perhaps it gives me greater motivation."
Nobilo, who, like Langer.

started at the 10th hole, had no doubts as to why he played so well. "It was the sun on my back. It is as simple as that," he said. "I played the first nine holes in drizzle and got only one birdie. But then the sun came out and for the first time in three weeks I could throw off my water-

proofs and enjoy myself. On his second nine he had wegian Oyvind Rojahn, Robert four birdies and an eagle three at the 537-yard third, which he completed with a drive, four

iron and 25-foot putt. Boxall, Westwood, Sandelin. Allenby, Rojahn and Nyman all then came home in turn to challenge Nobilo but not to eatch him on a day when level par was

a poor score. Woosnam, on 72, could manage only that while Montgomerie shot 71 and Ballesteros 70. All three will have to play well today if they are to make the cut which could be as low

as two under par. E Sheffield golfer Mark Roe has withdrawn from the US month to concentrate on rebuilding his European career. Roe, 33, has missed the half-way cut in seven of his 10 European

Coaches back training return from a broken arm in the

Modahl remains on track

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he Leeds manager. Hugh Mc-Sahan, has ruled out any quesion of a playing comeback, even lough he and the club's coach, an Bell, are back in training. VicGahan, aged 34, last yed in 1991, and said: "There o way I will play again after ur and a haif years – although have told the players that I hhahiv couldn't do any worse.' The case of Bell, who played Auckland Warriors less than ear ago, is subtly different. e doesn't want to play, but will be able to if necessary,"

Gahan said. The New Zealand Test stand-

iane Modahl stepped up the ce of her 800m comeback at grand prix meeting in Bratisla-

a on Wednesday night. She fin-shed fourth in a time of 2min

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Modahi ran two seconds faster an in her first international race

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Alliance team last night. If he suffers no reaction, he is in line for a place on the bench tomorrow against Wigan, who will be without Va'aiga Tuiga-

mala with a hamstring injury. Leeds will be without two of their forwards, Adrian Morley, who was suspended for one match last night after being sent off for a swinging arm at Bradford last week, and Harvey Howard, banned for four games after being called to account on video evidence for a similar offence in the same match.

Broncos centre, has been banned for three games for the punch that saw him sent off at Warrington. Cochrane has Tony Kemp, was making his been fined £4,250 by his club.

the world-record holder's shad-

ow. The 27-year-old Londoner

shaded a tight 110m hurdles

race with 13.24sec to his rival's

Jarrett has been second best to Jackson for most of his career. When he finished ahead

of him at Crystal Palace last sea-

son, it was the first time for

three years.

Darren Campbell, called up

earlier in the day to Britain's

sprint relay squad for the Eu-

ropean Cup in Madrid, under-lined his bright early season

The former European ju-nior champion, who is 22, fol-

lowed up a career-best 10.25sec

in Slovenia on Sunday with an-

form in the 100m.

on will offer Tony Jarrett other victory and a faster time

borne flies home again

Hill aims to enhance reputation

Motor racing DERICK ALLSOP

reports from Barcelona

From the ridiculous to the potentially sublime, Formula One, still slightly dumbstruck by the goings on at Monaco, has arrived here anticipating a regulation spectacle in Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix, a contest between the accented forces of the business Damon Hill approaches this

race not only with his 21-point lead intact, but also with his reputation enhanced, not least in Evan Cochrane, the London comparison with that of his nemesis, Michael Schumacher. Hill's dominance at Monaco until a rare engine failure put him out, and Schumacher's first-

lap mistake have altered the bal- should improve his car, but will the forefront again this weekend. ance of recognised power.
Of course, Schumacher is

the best out there, and by some distance. He is not on course for a third consecutive title because the Ferrari, as he forecast. is not yet up to the task. It is essentially down to him that the Williams, let alone on pole at the last two grands prix. However. Schumacher is not superhuman, his shout at Portier the consequence of his pushing too hard on a slippery surface. It will have been on his mind ever

since. And it will have been on Hill's mind ever since. Schumacher will have to wait perhaps another two races for the significant modifications which

be content enough if conditions Jacques Villeneuve, in the othare dry on Sunday. While the er Williams, will be anxious to Ferrari proved even more of a handful on the wet streets of Monte Carlo, the Williams in Hill's hands eased away from the

rest with calm assurance. Whatever the weather, the car has been anywhere near the setting and atmosphere will be far removed from the scenario of the last meeting as the Circuit de Catalunya has proved no more alluring for the locals than Jerez. But while Barcelona may lack spectators, it is acknowledged and respected as a genuine race-track, complete with a long straight to accommodate overtaking manoeuvres.

Hill and Schumacher have a win apiece here and should be at

make more of an impression after being seemingly overawed at Monaco, while Benetton could be back in contention after signs of progress and McLaren will seek another step forward in their revival campaign.

David Coulthard has ruled out a move to Jackie Stewart's new Formula One team. The McLaren driver was reported to be at the top of Stewart's shortlist for a place in the Formula One team he is launching in 1997. Coulthard's manager. Tim Wright, said: "David is supremely happy at McLaren and helieves they are on the verge of great things again."

SPORTING DIGEST

Rugby Union Philippe Sella, the world's most capped player, will bid farewell to French rugby in a special festival match at Agen on 6 July when he will captain a World XV against France. Sella, who won 111

XV against France. Sella, who won 111. caps at centre for France, joins Saraceris next season. Harlequiris cheliman Roger Looker has been appointed as the Courage League One club's first chef executive. PHILPPE SELLA Squed (v France, Agen, 6 July: G Hestings Scottard, R Underwood (Creliand), I Banso (Males), W Carling (England), 1 Gascott (England), R Andrew (England, R Jones Males), I Revision, J. Househ (Pales), I Husphreys (Wales), N Popplewell (Reland), G Howntree (England), B Clade (England), D Richards (England).

Three skippers, Morgan Larson (US), John Cutler (NZ) and Peter Gilmour (Aus) posted an unbeaten three wins on the opening day of the Brut Cup in San Fran-cisco, second in the five long 1996 se-ries. Russell Courts, rumaway winner of the Lymington Cup, suffered a surprise

defeat at the hands of Larson and joined Paul Cayard on 2-1 while, in blustery conditions, both Chris Law of Britain and world No 1 Ed Baird (US) were 1-2. Sports politics Governing bodies of Britain's major sports have moved to calm lears over TV coverage of top events with the publication of a code of conduct for broadcastin

deals. At the heart of the document is a pledge to strive to ensure that main events are screened on terrestrial as well

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M Paraccini 9-7 9-3 9-6; D Euria bit F Bust
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The High Court in London has scheduled a hearing for next Tuesday in a suit by Mats Wilander and Karel Novacek against the International Tennis Federation over its drug-testing procedures. The

two players allegedly tested positive for cocaine at last year's French Open. They deny the allegations and say the ITF test procedures and rules were flawed.

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6.45: 1. BRUTAL FANTASY :X Daney! 11-10 tar; 2. No Rush 7-1; 3. Foory 2-1. 6 ran. 19; 3. N Trister. Totes £1.90, £1.30, £2.70 DF: £5.80. CSF. £8.66. 7.15: 1. BAYRAK (J Campil) 6-5 (av. 2. Pharly Dancer 6-1; 3. Latviec 7-2, 8 ran. 34;2, 24c. (M Ryan). Total £1.90; £1.20, £1.40, £1.90, DF: £8.80, CSF: £8.37. HEREFORD

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Robert's Toy gave Martin Pipe his 2,000 winner as a trainer in Britain at Hereford last night. Pipe. who trained his first winner in 1975, won the Grand National with Miinnehoma in 1994.

EVENING RACING RESULTS The jockey Tony McCoy crashed through the £1 million prize money barrier when part-nering La Menorquina to an

> Novices' Hurdle. The young Irishman is due to be crowned Champion jumps jockey this weekend after meteoric rise to the top which has seen him steer home 174 winners this term.

easy victory in the Vowchurch

"This was the target for me this season and now the next one is to go to Perth next week and start all over again," reported McCoy.

"My agent Dave Roberts is raring to go as we notched up 22 winners last summer iumping season which helped set me up for the championship," he added.

McCoy's plans for the future include taking a week off in the near future to visit his family in Ireland but he is not sure how he can fit that into his busy schedule at present.

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tasted the same medicine. (with whom he was runner-up slowly.

in world and European championships) was sold in January, 1995 and is now being ridden for Ireland by Eddie Macken. That loss is still a painful memory for the Frenchman, who defeated Ireland's Erik Holstein on Ballaseyr Kalosha by a commanding 8.61sec yesterday.

The top British riders offered little resistance in this contest that was decided on time in the first round. Di Lampard, on Abbervail Dream, and Geoff Billington, on It's Otto, followed their instructions and jumped impressive (but slow) clear rounds. Both Michael Whitaker, on Midnight Madness, and William Funnell, on Comes, had Robert's best mount. Miss a single error, also jumping

ISASSERIGATI NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 2 Chicago Cubs O; Houston 7 Pritisburgh 4; Montreal 9 San Dego 4; Los Angeles 3 Pridadethia 2 (11 tm); San Francisco 4 New York Mets 2; St Louis 6 Colorado 5, Postponed: Fronda v Cincar-

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EMSLAND SQUAD for next week's two friendly internationals v Croatist R Bak-er (Leopards), I McKlenney (Sheffeld), 3 Swaline (Sheffield), P Scantlebury (Themes Valley), I Whyte (Leopards), M Docoten (Uni-versity of Morni), S Dunidey (Limoges), M Hav-vey (Dorozater), T Singuis (Derby), A Bett (Leosater), P Graninger (Marchester).

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standings; 1 D Rebetin (IV) Potil 52hr 8mm
7sec; 2 P Tonkov (Rus) Panerle +4sec; 3 S
Faustral (II) AVI +8sec; 4 E Zane (II) Carrera;
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The Italian defender Ciro Ferrara, of Juventus, is in denger of missing Euro 96 after suffering a thigh strain in Wednesday night's match against Belgium in Bobby Robson is set to make the Niger-lan striker Emeruel Amunike one of his first signings as Barcelone manager. The Spanish chib have agreed a £2.4m fee

with Sporting Lisbon, one of Robson's former clubs. former clubs.

The Nottingham Forest striker Robert Rosario has retired after a two-year struggle with a succession of knee problems.

Japan have dismissed the possibility of co-hosting the 2002 World Cup finals with South Kores. Fifa is due to announce tomorrow morning which country has won the right to stage the first World Cup to be held in Asia. Goalicepeux Rintú Recher l'ererhalto Sarver Gégme (Alzy). Adman Eric (Ankangicü). Defendens: Alpay Özel (Besčina). Recep Çatin (Besidens). Bilie Korlonaz (Gointasarey). Oglan Tembilanoj (Trabonapor). Rahlas Zafer (Gençlerbush Middleldens: Taytun Korkat (Temertush;

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MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER: Colorado Rapids 2 Dal-las Bum C; San Jose Clash 2 Kansas City Wz 1. SPANISH LEAGUE First Division retegation play-off first leg; Real Mallorca 1 Rayo Vallecano 0.

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ice hockey The newly-formed National League Pre-nier Division side Vangston Hawas have besten several Superleague teams to the signature of 24-year-old Kelly Reed, a member of Canada's Olympi NHL Stanley Cup play-off: Western Con-ference finals; Colorado 4 Detroit 1. (Col-orado wins best-of-seven series 4-2 and face Plusburgh or Floridg in final).

Rugby League Workington, struggling in the Super League, are to sign Papus New Guinea's World Cup hooler Elas Relyo. The 24-yea-old had been due to play for the Australian Super League side Adelaide Rams.

Hallfax half-back Wayne Parker needs an operation on a torn groin muscle and is likely to miss the rest of the season.

Muster Wary of the fast set

Tennis

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Paris

Having advanced to the third round of the French Open without a blip yesterday, beating the Frenchman Gerard Solves, 6-1, 6-3, 6-0, Thomas Muster genwhose inclination is to attack rather than chisel points from the baseline.

The clay courts at Stade Roland Garros are fast enough not to disadvantage servevolleyers, Muster argued, estimating the pace to be roughly the same as the rubberised concrete at the United States Open. "The difference is that here you have to slide and keep your balance."

In particular, Muster had Pete Sampras, Goran Ivanisevic, Richard Krajicek and Michael Stich in mind, but the unseeded Stefan Edberg underlined the point in spectacular style with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 win against Carlos Moyo. The 20year-old from Barcelona is the only player to have beaten

Muster on clay this year. Edberg's win guaranteed the 30-year-old Swede a special trip down memory lane to mark this latest stop on his retirement tour. He now plays the fourth-seeded Michael Chang, who defeated him in the 1989 final. Edberg, who led Chang by a service break in the fifth set, has often rued the opportunity he missed to strike a telling blow for attacking play.

Yesterday, Chang, the game's great retriever, had to run long and hard to out-rally Australia's Richard Fromberg, 6-4, 3-6,

Muster made one proviso in his prognosis: the courts will only remain equitable if the weather stays as warm and sunny as it has been for the past three days. A glance at the forecast suggests sluggish con-

Not that much that happens here from now on will concern Greg Rusedski, whose thoughts have already switched from clay to the slick grass of his adopt-ed England and the groundwork necessary to tune his big-serving game for Wimbledon.

Rusedski was eliminated by Stich in the second round on the compact Court No 1 here vesterday, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3, and at the same time was given a lesson by the No 15 seed in how to adapt erously offered encouragement to those of his challengers at Wimbledon, as the German did in 1991.

Stich was only under threat from Rusedski during the second set, in which the Briton had two break points in the third game and a couple more in the ninth. In each case, Such served his way out of trouble.

The German's sharpness was surprising considering he nearly did not enter the event in view of his lack of match practice since a foot operation in March.

Stich, whose 18 singles titles include clay-court victories in Hamburg and Stuttgart, sympathised with Rusedski. "Greg knows that his serve makes him a dangerous player on fast surfaces, but he's not sure how

to play on clay," he said.
"That is very difficult for him,"
Stich added. "I know how it is, because a couple of years back I was relying on my service much more than I do right now. What Greg did today, staying back a lot, is just not going to help him on clay. On other surfaces, he just serves and volleys all the time. That's his game. That's good. I think he can improve, and there's still a lot of work to do. I think he can figure it out himself. I don't have to tell him what to do or what not to do.'

Rusedski is receiving plenty of advice from his new coach, Brian Teacher, who will continue to work with him through Wimbledon. "Brian has fixed up my backhand and he thinks that after two or three weeks of work everything is going to solidify. I'm going to jump on the grass courts at Queen's as fast as I can." Steffi Graf continued her de-

fence of the women's title with a 6-2, 6-2 win against Australia's Nicole Bradtke. Graf has conceded only nine games in her two

matches. Results, Sporting Digest, page 27

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Middlesex find form at last but Warwickshire made to work hard



Ramprakash takes great leap forward

HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Lord's Middlesex 322-5 v.Yorkshire

Mark Ramprakash took a big step forward in his personal rehabilitation course after his unhappy winter's tour of South Africa when he made a convincing 134 on a glorious day against Yorkshire.

He was not in quite the brilliant form of late last summer when hundreds flowed from his bat against all-comers in Champ-ionship cricket, but it will have made him feel much better.

Ramprakash is only 26 with any amount of cricket left in him, and all he can realistically do now is to put his head down, work hard at his game and fill his bag with as many hundreds as he can. This will rebuild his confidence and maybe help him to eradicate the faults which have made Test cricket such a problem for him.

His innings was the centrepiece of an entertaining day's play as Middlesex tried collectively to put their dismal earlyseason batting form behind them. They were helped by a pitch where the ball came on to the bat, and there was also some bounce and an encouragingly close boundary on the Grandstand side of the ground. It was one of the pitches relaid in the autumn of 1992.

Yorkshire bowled well before hinch, when there was still a touch of moisture in the surface.

Weekes soon played forward to Peter Hartley with his bat away from his pad and was caught behind. Jason Harrison took his place and led a charmed life outside the off-stump, espe-cially off the back foot. One lost count of the number of times he played and missed.

Jason Pooley played most of the early strokes before mysteriously leaving alone a ball from Darren Gough which hit the middle of his off-stump. One could sense the uncertainty within Ramprakash early on, almost as if he did not fully trust himself to go through with his strokes. Then, driving and cutting and timing the ball nicely off his legs, he began to find the boundary and each four did him: a power of good.

Harrison produced one of a 0 lovely strokes of his own in amongst long periods of defel before edging a lifter from Crang White to the wicketkeeper. He has plenty of work to do on and outside the off-stump. Mike Gatting looked in good form and pulled and cut White for three fours in an over before playing back to Chris Silverwood with little footwork and edging the ball into his stumps. Ramprakash's hundred came next from 182 balls when he played Silverwood off his toes through

mid-wicket for his 17th four. With his frighteningly awful stance, John Carr helped Ramprakash put on 83 before Ramprakash was bowled, probably off his pads, playing across the line of Hartley. Carr went on to pass 50 and, with Keith Brown. fook Middlesex to 300.

Umpire steps in to halt local difficulties

MICHAEL AUSTIN

reports from Northampton Northamptonshire 314 Warwickshire 34-2

Like any self-respecting soap opera this could run and run, with an undercurrent of aggression bordering on animosity. By Tuesday week, when they meet in the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final, these titlechasing counties will have spent another claustrophobic five days in each other's company.

Potentially irksome days, too, on yesterday's evidence of Shaun Pollock being warned for excessive short-pitched bowling being taken off the upper arm.

The Reeve-Capel altercation to Mal Loye, and a heated exchange demanding the mediatory powers of the umpires.

Trevor Jesty, who stood at the football end, said: "There was a bit of hot air and a lot of chat that sent him on his not so merry between the Warwickshire captain [Dermot Reeve] and the batsman [David Capel]. The wicketkeeper [Keith Piper] kept trying to join in and we [myself and Tony Clarkson] told him to keep out of it."

Pollock, Warwickshire's new overseas player from South Africa, was also aggrieved because two appeals for catches close to the wicket against Loye and Kevin Curran were rejected, rightly by Clarkson, the batsmen

The Reeve-Capel altercation must have convinced Jesty that the week can only improve, following the criticism of Matthew Maynard, the Glamorgan captain, of Jesty's leg-before decision

way in the Benson and Hedges quarter-final, against Warwickshire on Tuesday. The day had begun with Jesty telephoning Lord's as a matter of procedure because the pitch started not dry as regulations stipulate, but damp through rain seeping under the covers. Reeve, never one to miss a chance, put in

Northamptonshire. All-Midlands matches, while not so famous as Roses battles. still have the cutting edge of a

Lamb, the Northamptonshire captain, described the Warwickshire game - which his team won by seven runs - as being "a little like war", with the rider of "that's the way Championship matches should be played".

Reeve, who also rated that game as the best in which he had played, achieved his third fivewicket return for Warwickshire this time, for 37 runs, while Northamptonshire produced half-century makers in Russell Warren, Capel and Curran.

Warren made 76, with a six and 12 fours from 141 balls, before his off-stump was torn out by an express delivery from Pollock. It was a curiously comprehensive dismissal for

scimitar. Last summer Alan someone who had batted for almost three bours. Between some now familiar Warwickshire histrionics, notably when Piper leapt into

Reeve's arms after Tony Penberthy's dismissal, they fielded as champions should. Dominic Ostler held a sizzling one-handed slip catch to oust David Ripley in the presence of Graham Gooch, the England selector. Gooch was doubtless eager to

hear fitness reports about Nick Knight, the Warwickshire opener and strong England candidate, for the first lest against the tourists at Edgbaston next Thursday. Knight has a cracked left index finger but hopes to play in the Sunday match here. Scoreboard, reports, page 26

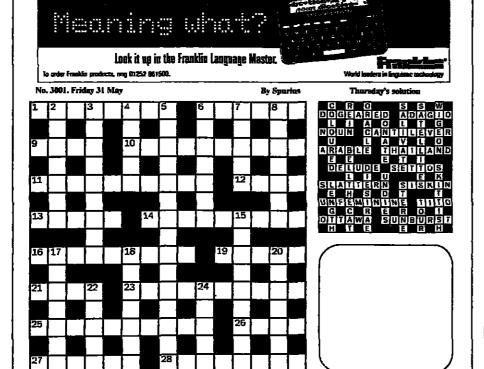
Maynard fined by Glamorgan for outburst

Matthew Maynard has been fined an undisclosed amount and issued with a severe reprimand by Glamorgan's cricke: committee in the wake of his comments after the Benson ar. Hedges Cup quart, r-final defer by Warwickshire on Tuesday.

The Glamorgan captain wa reported as saying that he w unhappy with the umpiring as claimed his side had been "robbed" of victory. Mayna was adjudged lbw near the ciof the game and has displease at the decision was evalent.

The county's prompt a may bring an end to the mabut the TCCB could still. its own disciplinary action.

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Tigers settle on Dwyer

Rugby Union

STEVE BALE

Leicester's search for a coaching director began with Bob Dwyer, the illustrious former coach of Australia, in March and ended with him yesterday when he was appointed to head up the Tigers' team for profes-

sional club rugby next season. At the same time Ian Smith is to give up teaching at Up-pingham School in order to become the full-time coach. Dwyer's appointment will begin in July when an inauspicious year in Paris as coach of Racing Club will have ended. This season - which in France culminates in tomorrow's champ-

First seagulls and trawlers.

Now the resurrection. Eric Cantona has reacted to his

omission from the French

team for next month's Euro-

pean Championship with yet

another burst of bizarre im-

agery.
The Manchester United

ionship final between Toulouse and Brive - the unthinkable has happened with Racing being relegated from the 20-strong top division.

However, Dwyer, 55, brings to the English cup and league runners-up an impeccable pedigree from his international days. His total of nine years guiding Australia encompassed the 1991 World Cup triumph but once his team had been knocked out of last year's tournament by England his days with the Wallabies were numbered.

"In this new era for rugby, with its huge changes, it's clear Leicester must utilise every drop of expertise it can muster Peter Wheeler, the club's chief

have trawled the world for the best." Indeed the trawling began even before Tony Russ's sacking as coaching director two months ago, when Dwyer's was the first name to be associated with the sudden vacancy.

Dwyer, coach of the World XV who beat Leicester at Twickenham last month, emphasised yesterday his belief in the uninhibited rugby played then rather than the more familiar, less mobile Tigers style he once described as an "abomination". His impenetrable vercapable of playing whatever way they want to play. It's just the team decided they would play the way they did play."

Since I was not a

striker has failed to re-establish himself in the French side since being banned from the game for eight months last year after as-saulting a Crystal Palace supporter. On his return he inspired United to the League and Cup double,

but Aimé Jacquet, the French coach, remained unim-pressed and left out Cantons last week when he named his 22-man squad for the Championship. "I think a lot of officials thought I was dead after the Crystal Palace case," Cantona said in an in-terview with the French weekly Paris-Match, which was published yesterday. "Since I was not completely dead, and since I even resurrected, they have done everything they could to make sure I died a second time. We'll see who dies in the end."

Cantona said he had accepted the decision with screnity. Still, I thought my 45 caps and 20 goals for France could have been taken into consideration,

completely dead; and since Feven resurrected they have done everything they could to make -sure | diedea second time! We'll see who dies in the end' **Eric Cantona** on his exclusion from Euro 96

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